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Dear Subscriber:

MOST OF THE COMMUNIST SPYING THAT HAS BEEN DISCLOSED SO FAR IS AMATEUR STUFF. The real professional work of expert Communist International agents has scarcely been touched on by Congressional investigators or Federal grand jury. 90% of this may never be revealed..

Spying is very important...but it isn't the most important work of Communist Party. All the efforts of all the spies, both amateurs & professionals, are less harmful than the party's other activities: the false propaganda every day, the poisonous smearing of this country, the infiltration, the gnawing away at American loyalty, the general impact of a Fifth Column.

The most important thing about the revelations of spying is that they may wake the American people up...may shock them at last into realizing what the Communist Party is...not a party at all but a huge CONSPIRACY.

And the same is true of the Communists' Third Party. Last week Counterattack, in a special edition, published a "Who's Who" of 43 key people in the "Progressive" or Commugressive organization. The very first name on the list was John J. Abt. And now Elizabeth T Bentley testifies that Abt formerly headed the "Perlo group" of spies. She took this group over from Abt, she says, collecting the information its members gleaned in their Govt jobs...and also collecting their Communist Party dues.

This same John Abt is now general counsel at Commugressive hq. And top man there is Lee Pressman. Whittaker Chambers, an editor of Time magazine, has testified in confirmation of Counterattack's statement last week that both Pressman & Abt were in original group of Communist Party members in important Govt posts more than a dozen years ago.

NOW HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT JACOB GOLOS, who started Elizabeth Bentley on her work as a spy courier. His name was originally Draisin. He was a member of Russian-language section of Socialist Party in the U S at time of Bolshevik Revolution. This section quit the Socialist Party and played a leading role in forming Communist Party, of which Golos was a charter member. In 1920 Golos worked for the unrecognized Soviet ambassador to the U S, Ludwig C A K Martens, who was later deported. Golos was a friend of Chas Recht, who was and still is the lawyer for the Soviet Embassy (and who had a big hand in founding Natl Lawyers Guild, a Communist front).

Golos was a Soviet spy as far back as 1922, when he became Sec'y of the Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia. This outfit collected money and sent machinery & technicians to Russia. It also collected information, partly by espionage. Golos worked closely with Alexander Trachtenberg, a high Communist who founded and still heads the Communist publishing firm, International Publishers. In 1927 Trachtenberg helped organize World Tourists, Inc, a travel agency that still exists. It was used in part for spying from its very outset. In early 1930's it was losing money. Golos took charge of it, built up a big tourist traffic to Stalin Russia, and made a good profit.

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Earl Browder should be called as a witness, to tell of his part in reorganizing World Tourists and putting Golos in charge.

Golos used World Tourists as a relay station in Soviet espionage. He received and forwarded documents, including false passports and the naturalization papers of persons who had died. These papers were handed on to Soviet agents. Various business firms (traders, movie distributors, etc) that have relations with Stalin Russia are still acting as relay stations.

Golos was chairman of Control Commission of Communist Party, as Louis F. Budenz, former managing editor of Daily Worker, testified this week. Control Commission kept close watch on all party members, even collected records on their personal affairs, and enforced strict discipline.

The party gave the Control Commission a new name, Natl Review Commission, in 1945, two years after Golos died. Several weeks ago the House Comm on Un-American Activities published names of four members of this body.

Counterattack has obtained names of all 19 members of this secret party commission, elected in 1945 closed convention. They follow:

Helen Allison, wife of Carl Winter, chairman of Mich district of party, and member of Communist Natl Board ("Politbureau"). Winter and all other members of this board were recently indicted by U S.

Also Philip Bart...David Carpenter...Jas W Ford (nominee for V-P in 1932)...Ray Hansbrough...Chas Krumbein, treasurer of party, who died last year...Dora Lifshitz...Wm McKie, a leader in Ford Local 600 of CIO United Auto Workers...Jacob Mindell...Geo Morris...Wm Norman...R Roberts...Dan Slinger...Nemmy Sparks...Alexander Trachtenberg...Alfred E Wagenknecht...Saul Wellman...Anita Whitney...Rose Wortis.

A very few members of this commission really wielded all its powers from the start. Some others, like Anita Whitney of Calif, were aged and inactive, and their membership on the commission was practically honorary.

When Golos was chairman of the Control Commission, he also continued his espionage work. He collected information from about 30 people in Govt. None of them was PRIMARILY a spy. After Golos died in 1943, Elizabeth Bentley inherited this work. In a short time she dropped out of the party, and in 1945 she went to the FBI with her story.

It was Harold Ware who originally organized the Communist cells in Govt offices in Washington. Ware was a son of Ella Reeve "Bloor", as Whittaker Chambers testified Tuesday.-- On Monday night--"Mother Bloor"--had a place of honor on the platform at opening session of Communist national convention in Madison Sq Garden. She sat among the members of the Communist Natl Board (all indicted). Her first husband was named Ware, her second Reeve, and her third and last Omholtz...which is her real name. She is 86 years old, she was a Communist agitator for decades, and she's still a member of Communist Natl Committee. The party leaders use her to appeal to hero-worshiping sentiments of members, fellow-travelers & sympathizers, especially women.

THE FACTS ABOUT WHITTAKER CHAMBERS' TALK WITH ASSISTANT SEC'Y OF STATE ADOLF A. BERLE are these. As soon as Stalin signed his pact with Hitler, Chambers knew the Communist officials in Washington would switch their policy and oppose any action that would injure the Nazis. He talked the matter over with Isaac Don Levine, who has an expert knowledge of conditions in Stalin Russia and is now editor of the anti-Communist magazine, Plain Talk (240 Madison Ave, NYCity). Levine asked one of Pres Roosevelt's secretaries, Marvin McIntyre, how Chambers' information could be brought to Roosevelt's attention. McIntyre said Chambers should see Berle.

Berle listened to Chambers with interest. At that time Alger & Donald Hiss held comparatively minor positions in State Dept. Some of the other persons named by Chambers had higher rank elsewhere in the government. Berle communicated with the FBI, suggesting that it investigate Chambers' story. Berle himself wasn't a security officer...he had no staff of investigators at his command. And he wasn't running the State Dept...only his own part of it. Within that part he took security precautions by rigidly specifying exactly who was allowed to get a look at secret documents.

Berle struggled constantly with appeasers & pro-Communists in State Dept for years. In Feb 1941 Dean Acheson became an assistant Sec'y of State and in 1945 he rose to Undersecretary. Acheson was strong for an appeasement policy...he argued that Stalin would play ball if he was treated right. It was under Acheson that Alger & Donald Hiss rose to positions of power. When he was asked about them he said he had known them since their boyhood.

MAIN AIM OF COMMUNISTS IN GOV'T WASN'T AND ISN'T SPYING. As Whittaker Chambers has testified, "power and influence were the paramount objectives." They tried to influence U S foreign policy in favor of Stalin. Domestically they helped party-line unions and Communist fronts.

All the spying that Elizabeth Bentley & Louis Budenz tell about was a mere drop in the bucket. Stalin has many spy rings in U S, just as he had and still has in Canada. He doesn't put all his eggs in one basket.

There are PROFESSIONAL Communist spy leaders...who give all their time to it. They have spies working for them who provide a lot of information. This information must be carefully collated...the whole jigsaw puzzle has to be put together, as far as possible. It's necessary to have a number of people for this work...and they need enough space to work in. Also there has to be plausible cover for their activities. Work of this kind can be done in embassies and business offices. Such spying goes on all the time... and the U S Govt has counter-intelligence agents to combat it.

The most important thing that Communists in Govt do is to influence Govt policies. Communists in State Dept have helped Stalin in Europe & Asia And when Nathan Witt was Exec Sec'y of NLRB, the Communists had a glorious time. Non-Communist unions found their cases delayed, while Communist-led unions got action. Over at CIO, Lee Pressman was general counsel. He and Witt cooperated beautifully. Now Whittaker Chambers has testified that both Witt & Pressman were in the Washington Communist group.

Edwin S. Smith was then a member of NLRB. His favoritism to party-line unions was notorious. During the Stalin-Hitler Pact, Smith went around the country openly denouncing Roosevelt's "warmongering" policy. The fact that his term at NLRB was approaching expiration didn't deter him...he kept on with his pro-Stalin speechmaking. So Roosevelt didn't reappoint him.

Edwin Smith went out into private life, worked awhile for a union, then became director of a Communist front, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship. After that he headed another front.

Smith showed up again in the convention of Communists' Third Party in Philadelphia. He was a member of the Platform Committee.

Lee Pressman was the Sec'y of the Platform Committee and really ran it. So the platform was largely a copy of Communist Party's platform.

After Nathan Witt left the NLRB in 1941, he organized a law firm with Harold I Cammer, chiefly representing Communist-controlled unions. And after Lee Pressman finally quit as general counsel of CIO in order to work for the Communists' Third Party, he joined the same law firm, which is now Pressman, Witt & Cammer.

But Pressman's main job is running the Commugressive Party. John Abt and several others named in the Washington testimony are on the party's staff too. Pressman is also Commugressive candidate for Congress in a Brooklyn district against Rep Abraham J Multer, a strong anti-Communist. Multer is a Democrat but the Republican organization is supporting him in order to prevent Communist Pressman from winning on the Commugressive ticket.

Carl Aldo Marzani attended the Commugressive convention, although not as a delegate. Marzani's Communist Party name used to be Tony Whales. During Stalin-Hitler Alliance he taught Communist Party meetings how to conduct propaganda in Army & Navy to "disintegrate the morale" of troops. But when Hitler double-crossed Stalin by invading Russia, Marzani turned pro-war. He held trusted positions in Office of Strategic Services and later in State Dept, rising to a $7,175 salary before he was completely exposed & fired. Convicted last year of lying to Govt, he's now appealing his prison sentence.

This man Marzani is now speaking at Commugressive meetings. He has also produced a movie for use in the campaign.

What the Bentley and Chambers testimony has proved is that Marzani wasn't as exceptional as he seemed. There were many others like him in State Dept and elsewhere in Govt. Many of them are still there.

THE SPY INVESTIGATION CASTS A BRIGHT LIGHT ON THE THIRD PARTY. It shows that not only the Communist Party itself but its puppet Third Party is the TREASON Party. The presence of a large number of innocents in this party doesn't alter that fact. A few of the innocents are already seeing the light. In New Mexico, for example, several leaders of the Third Party have resigned because they couldn't shake Communist control in the Phila convention. The Third Party is the Treason Party and this fact should be plainly stated all over the country.

It is as a great awakener, a great eye-opener, that the spy investigation is most important. But some people and some newspapers have got so used to pooh-poohing the danger of the Communists that they still refuse to wake up. For example, Lowell Mellett, who used to be a Presidential assistant in the White House, and who now writes a newspaper column, describes the Washington testimony as incredible. And a leading newspaper, the Washington Post, takes much the same position. This sort of perverse blindness isn't as general as it used to be, but it's still pretty widespread and it must be fought against.

The message of the Washington investigation to the American people is, "Wake up!" The message of the people to their Govt, and also to newspapers & magazines & broadcasters and to the presidents of dozens of universities with Communist professors, must now be "Wake up!" Wake up...it is high time to realize the size of the Communist danger and to act against it!

Yours faithfully,

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Letter No. 184
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Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNISTS CAPITALIZE ON U S APPEASEMENT OF STALIN. As 200,000 Chinese Communist troops cracked the U N lines in Korea this week, their representatives sat before the Security Council with approval of the U S State Dept...and put U S on trial for "invading" Formosa while they, the offenders, declined to answer any questions about their open aggression.

And some "Americans" have praised, applauded and given aid to the military enemies of the U S and their delegates at recent Communist front meetings designed to capitalize on appeasement policies of State Dept.

Emergency Conference on China and World Peace, attended by delegates from 26 states, was held in NYCity on Armistice Day. It called on all peace supporters to "deluge" the U N with demands for an immediate "cease fire", urged U S recognition of Communist China and its admission to U N. A nationwide agitation and propaganda camgaign to sell the Communist Far Eastern line to Americans was outlined. Plans were made to welcome Communist Chinese U N delegates with a "flood of bouquets".

Dr HARRY F WARD, prof emeritus of Union Theological Seminary in NY, called on all "foreign" troops to withdraw from Korea. Dr LUCIUS PORTER of Beloit, Wisc, retired missionary and prof of Yenching Univ, said Chinese had "elected" Communist govt "of their own choosing".

Other speakers included Mrs PAUL ROBESON; HUGH DEANE of the NY Compass staff; Dr CLEMENTINE PAOLONE, chairman of the new front, American Women for Peace (who urged her listeners to get experience in using portable printing facilities and holding small meetings where FBI would not come); WILLIAM MANDEL, writer of books for the Institute of Pacific Relations.

The China Welfare Appeal, Inc, held a Conference on Health and Welfare in China on Nov 18. Big attraction at conference was a transcribed message from Madame SUN YAT SEN, an official of the Chinese Communist govt.

Two Columbia University professors, DONALD G TEWKSBURY and ERNEST G OSBORNE, took part in the conference. Prof DERK BODDE of the Univ of Pennsylvania, featured on a CBS China program last week, was also a speaker... along with others whose names are familiar in Communist front circles.

OLIVE VAN HORN, conference chairman and former official of YWCA, urged continued aid to Red China, the open enemy of the U S and the U N.

China Welfare Appeal, an agency of Madame SUN's China Welfare Institute (controlled by the Red govt), has been sending "Friendship Cargoes" containing penicillin, sulfa and other drugs (vital to any army) to China, where all "relief" is politically controlled. A resolution adopted by the Appeal's board of directors, was read at the conference. It protested the recently instituted U S requirement for export licenses for these drugs. Commerce Dept, by refusing licenses to the Appeal, can now prevent it from giving further aid to enemies of U S.

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NEW YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE HOLDS FIRST CONVENTION. The Labor Youth League (LYL), present day successor to the Young Communist League (see COUNTERATTACK, Sept 1, pp 3 & 4) held its first national convention in NYCity last weekend, Nov 23-26.

Convention was hailed in official CP press articles and editorials. WM Z FOSTER, nat'l chairman, and convicted leaders GUS HALL, nat'l sec'y; HENRY WINSTON, organizational sec'y and ROBT THOMPSON, NY State chairman, were just a few of the Communist bigwigs who sent messages of greetings, praise and encouragement to the Labor Youth League gathering.

A treason program was adopted at LYL convention. In doubletalk, it provided for spreading lies about the Armed forces and inciting disloyalty. The main OPEN program called for: defeat of universal military training or service, opposition to any extension of the draft, elimination of loyalty oath in Armed Services, no overseas service for men under 21, etc.

GUS HALL brought greetings from Nat'l Committee (Politburo) of CP. Other speakers included ELIZ GURLEY FLYNN, only woman member of Politburo, HENRY WINSTON, PAUL ROBESON, HOWARD FAST. HALL, WINSTON and BETTY GANNET, nat'l education director of CP, were made honorary members of LYL.

Speakers made it clear that they believed the forces of international Communism would soon be victorious. ROBESON, mentioned as a CP member by Pravda in October, told the assembled delegates from 20 states that those who opposed them were "men of the past". HOWARD FAST said they lived in the greatest time of history, "the dawn of mankind's freedom".

LEON WOFSY was reelected chairman of the LYL and MEL WILLIAMSON was returned to post of administrative sec'y. Also elected to the Nat'l Council were: WENDELL ADDINGTON, Texas; EDNA BROWN, Mass; EARL DURHAM, Ill; ROZ EMERINE, Ohio; JACK GORE, Mich; EMMA STOREY, Pa; and JOSEPH BUCHHOLT, LOU DISKIN, ROBT FOGEL, JEAN GRIFFITH, JULIAN LOWITT, VINCENT PIERI, ROOSEVELT WARD, SELMA WEISS and AARON WIESSMAN of NY. One place was left open on the Council for a Puerto Rican representative.

Emphasis was placed on industrial penetration by LYL members. The immediate formation of a Teen-age division was also urged.

JOSEPH SZIGETI's "MYSTERIOUS" DETENTION ON ELLIS ISLAND. When he returned from a European concert tour on Nov 16, JOSEPH SZIGETI, the world-famous violinist, was detained for five days on Ellis Island. He was then released after being cleared by a three-man board of special inquiry of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Some of the press comment on his detention was typical of the attitude taken by many papers toward security or anti-Communist measures.

The Republican NY Herald Tribune suggested that SZIGETI might have been detained on the island because he had gone to Europe...which was in itself "a suspicious circumstance".

The internationally read NY Times felt sure his detention was unjustified because SZIGETI was a "non-political" musician who had contributed to the U S war effort (as all CP members did...after June 1941) and had been cited by govt agencies and USO (as some Communists were) for his war work.

But SZIGETI has not been "non-political". Official documents and testimony show he sponsored the American Youth for Democracy (now replaced by LYL), successor of Young Communist League; was a vice-chairman of Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, a branch of CP's mass political front of '45 and '46; served as an advisory board member of Musicians Congress Committee, a front formed "for the purpose of 'involving' non-Communist musicians in Communist activities". His personal representative has said he believed SZIGETI had played a benefit for Russian War Relief, an organization loaded with Communists and sympathizers.

Prior to publication of SZIGETI's book, "With Strings Attached", in 1946, excerpts from it were printed, without comment, in CP press. This is done only if a book contains propaganda helpful to the "cause".

SZIGETI, in these excerpts, told of various concert tours he had made in Stalin Russia, of receptions given him by VOX (Society for Cultural Relations) and of the superhuman perfection of the Moscow orchestra...the "serenity" of its members (due to perfect honesty of Red govt in selecting them on a merit basis) which resulted in a complete absence of the "bickerings, backbiting, sycophancy" that characterized ordinary orchestras.

He also wrote that in the "better-informed" days of 1945 it was difficult to believe or imagine the stupidities whispered about Stalin Russia in the past...stories of censorship, conversations recorded with hidden microphones, visitors seeing only what authorities want them to see, etc.

It is possible that since he was eventually cleared, SZIGETI was just a Commu-naive, an innocent dupe of Communist propaganda and fronts.

But on the basis of his record, it is evident that the Immigration Service was justified in detaining him until he had been cleared.

WHAT'S BEHIND THIS ATTACK ON THE FBI? Last week William Sloane Associates published a book, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation", written by MAX LOWENTHAL. The publishers claim that the book presents an "objective picture" of the FBI, that LOWENTHAL is a "conservative in the most profound sense" and that he does not color his material.

Actually, the book is biased and one-sided, an attempted smear of FBI director J EDGAR HOOVER. Yet more than half of its content is devoted to happenings of over 30 years ago...when HOOVER was not director of the Bureau.

MORRIS L. ERNST, well known as a liberal attorney, has denounced the book as "vicious and thoroughly unfair" and has stated that it will "give great aid and comfort to the Communist Party".

A few of its inaccuracies: Contrary to what LOWENTHAL implies, J EDGAR HOOVER never condoned the Palmer raids or mass arrests of the 1920's; wire tapping by the FBI (as in the Coplon case) is not contrary to any Supreme Court decision; there was no FBI negligence in case of atomic spy KLAUS FUCHS...higher U S officials had accepted British OK of the scientist.

What LOWENTHAL omits: The words "Communism", "Communist" or "Communist Party", do not even appear in the index. There is no reference to all the evidence of the excellent work done by FBI in trial of 11 CP leaders, its excellent record in preventing sabotage in World War II, in tracking down clues many years old in the Alger Hiss and Klaus Fuchs cases.

LOWENTHAL shows his distaste for FBI's excellent record in keeping track of CP activity in a chapter maliciously (and falsely) entitled "Investigation of Beliefs". Here he makes the statment that the FBI "tracks down" all those whose views it fears.

LOWENTHAL, who has held a number of important advisory posts in govt, has been a member of the Nat'l Lawyers Guild (recently classified as the "legal bulwark of the Communist Party" by House Un-American Activities Committee) and a national committee member of the International Juridical Association, another legal front that antedated the Nat'l Lawyers Guild.

Rep GEO DONDERO (R-Mich) attacked LOWENTHAL in Congress on Sept 1. He stated that LOWENTHAL had sent out anonymous memoranda smearing the FBI in the past, that he aided an all-out Communist attack on the FBI in 1940, that he was an intimate of Communists, had aided and abetted Communists and was "a menace to the best interests of America".

LOWENTHAL testified before the Un-American Activities Committee on Sept 15 in answer to a subpoena. He denied Rep DONDERO's general statements, said he could not remember (and so confirm or deny) many details about his relationship with known Communists and accused secret ones, said that it was only natural that he should become acquainted with Communists in the course of his years in Washington, and that he could see nothing wrong with the Nat'l Lawyers Guild (which led an attack on FBI early this year) or the Int'l Juridical Association (ALGER HISS and LEE PRESSMAN were in this front).

MRS McCULLOUGH THANKS COUNTERATTACK SUBSCRIBERS. Mrs HESTER McCULLOUGH of Greenwich, Connecticut, has written to COUNTERATTACK asking that her thanks be extended to all subscribers and other loyal Americans who gave her financial or moral support in her recent libel suit. Her letter also expressed gratitude to COUNTERATTACK for coming to her aid and being "among the very first supporters" she had.

Entertainers PAUL DRAPER and LARRY ADLER sued her for libel because she protested their appearance in her community on basis of their publicly recorded support of Communist front organizations. The suit ended in a hung jury, the vote seven to five in her favor.

Her defense costs amounted to $58,137.31. The American public voluntarily contributed $29,203.50 (most in small donations) to help defray these costs. Mrs McCULLOUGH still owes $20,572.25 in legal and investigation fees. These facts are not presented as an appeal for aid, but as an accounting to the public of the funds it contributed to her defense.

FELIX KNIGHT STATES HE OPPOSES COMMUNISM. The operatic and radio singer, FELIX KNIGHT, has submitted a statement to COUNTERATTACK concerning the listing of his name in its book, RED CHANNELS.

In this statement he does not deny that, as reported in RED CHANNELS, his name appeared on the letterhead of Stage for Action as a member of the board of directors and on the letterhead of the Nat'l Council of American-Soviet Friendship as a sponsor of its 1943 Anniversary Congress.

He does deny, however, that he was ever a member or official of Stage for Action or supported it in any way. He further states that he never authorized the Nat'l Council of American-Soviet Friendship to use his name as a sponsor of its 1943 Anniversary Congress or for any other purpose and that he was not aware of the fact that these organizations had used his name until the publication of RED CHANNELS.

"I have always been opposed to Communism because it is contrary to our American way of life. As a singer I particularly detest it, because it denies the freedom of conscience and self-expression which is absolutely necessary for the creative work of any artist", KNIGHT's statement concluded.

COUNTERATTACK wishes to make it clear that RED CHANNELS did not state that FELIX KNIGHT was a Communist or Communist sympathizer. It did give specific instances of how and when the names listed had been used by the Communists to promote Communist causes.

Yours faithfully,

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Letter No. 185
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Dear Subscriber:

WHEN WILL IT COME? This is biggest question in U S and all parts of the world today. The "it" is World War III. And only question seems to be that of time. Will it come next week, next month or in next year or two?

Stalin has proved that he intends to conquer the world, that he will use whatever means are at hand to do it, that he will use WAR whenever that is the most expedient course.

The U S and U N have stated that they will resist his attempts, that they will stand by the principles of the U N and fight aggression.

Unless either of these powerful forces surrender their intentions, World War III is inevitable. It is bound to come. We must face this fact.

This means that military preparation must have #1 priority in U S and every free nation. All else is secondary and must be subordinate to it.

U S Govt must face facts. It must tell people that they face another world war and must make COMPLETE preparation for it.

It is the only possible hope of preventing World War III (by forcing Stalin to change his plans) or of surviving that war when it finally comes. Half way measures will not work.

Total rearmament will cost huge sums of money. American people must accept increased taxes and a lowered standard of living to foot the bill.

More military and economic aid must be given to nations of Western Europe. They face a further decrease in standard of living and will bear brunt of attack. They cannot fight without more help from U S.

Regulations must be imposed to allocate materials and control the inflation that will surely come to sap economic strength of U S.

The Point Four program for helping backward foreign nations should be increased, but ONLY if it does not interfere with military aid.

This is NOT a war of ideas. That dangerous illusion must be killed. This is primarily a war of bullets, bombs, tanks, guns, planes and armies.

You can't sell democracy to people suffering from disease, lacking food and tools to work their land...or the land to work.

But you can't sell democracy, either, to persons with land, tools to work it and full bellies...if a Communist is holding a knife at their throat and a gun in their back. They need WEAPONS to resist aggression.

Stalin Russia should be ousted from the U N as soon as practicable. The U N today is not a United Nations organization. It is a group of nations whose desire for unity to bring peace, freedom and justice to the world is frustrated and defeated at every turn by Stalin and his stooges.

Stalin and his satellites are at war with U N. In spirit, they are not, and never have been, part of U N. The U N will never succeed as long as they remain in it. Their tactics prove that they are using the world organization only to subvert the purposes for which it was formed.

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Complete economic boycott of Russia and its satellites should be instituted by U S to weaken Communist govts as much as possible, impair their war-making ability and encourage disaffection from Moscow.

Free nations must start to "subvert" Stalin Russia. Chief weakness of Voice of America is that it has given no HOPE to people it reaches.

People who listen to the Voice are punished if caught. Unless Voice can show them that U S is doing something toward their liberation, its message will eventually backfire. They will not risk listening to it. It only highlights their misery by giving a picture of freedom that they, alone, cannot attain. Same has been true of all U S policy and propaganda to date.

China is best place to start subversion of Stalin. Just as his conquest of China had great psychological and military effect, his loss of this huge territory would have an equally bad effect...in Asia and all the world.

Communist regime in China is unpopular. There are wide-scale insurrections. CHIANG KAI-SHEK has an army of 600,000 men on Formosa and there are well over a million guerrillas in China proper.

The free world should take advantage of these conditions and similar conditions in ALL Communist-controlled nations.

A coalition of ALL anti-Communist govts, similar to anti-fascist alliance of World War II, must be formed. U S did not hesitate to accept Russia as an ally then. In present crisis it should welcome as allies all anti-Communist govts, even those that are not democratic.

APPEASEMENT IS THE GREATEST IMMEDIATE DANGER. Communist China has offered peace terms that can be accepted only if U N and U S surrender the principles for which they are fighting. Acceptance of these terms will mean appeasement of Stalin, Mao Tse-tung's master.

And appeasement will help Stalin, not the free world. Some of those who advocate it hope to buy time to prepare to fight Stalin.

But time is on Stalin's side, not on side of U N or U S. WINSTON CHURCHILL pointed out in "The Gathering Storm" that the time bought at Munich helped Hitler rearm more than it did the Allies.

The false peace of appeasement breeds inaction. Months will pass before the U S, the Atlantic Pact nations and military officials in Washington settle their squabbles and really get down to mobilization for war.

And while they squabble, Stalin will continue to ACT. He will use the time to increase the lead he now holds in military power, to create more incidents to sow discord in the U N and split the free nations of the world ...while his fifth columns continue to undermine them internally.

Psychological effect of appeasement will favor Stalin. It will incite him to further aggression, discourage defections from Moscow, crush the will to resist on part of small nations under pressure from Stalin...and encourage further appeasement by nations which now advocate "buying time".

Fate of U S, the U N and the world is in hands of PRESIDENT TRUMAN and State Dept. They must take a firm stand, convince jittery leaders of Europe that their position is correct, that anything else will mean disaster.

Over three years ago COUNTERATTACK called on its subscribers to see their Congressmen and Senators and ask them what they were doing to protect South Korea from Communist seizure.

Over two years ago, at time of Communist rebellion in South Korea, COUNTERATTACK pointed out that Korean army was untrained and unreliable... yet U S was planning to pull out and leave the govt unprotected from Stalin's well-armed North Korean regime. COUNTERATTACK said U S was in great danger, that the emergency was military...and called for speed and an end to halfway measures in arming Europe and Asia to prevent World War III.

A year and a half ago, just before U S withdrew its troops from Korea, COUNTERATTACK criticized State Dept for welcoming Communists in South Korean constabulary despite warnings of SYNGMAN RHEE...and said U S was hurting itself as well as breaking faith with Koreans by removing its troops.

ALGER HISS was in the State Dept during part of that period. OWEN LATTIMORE served as consultant to the Dept during that period.

Sec of State ACHESON listened to them. COUNTERATTACK's warnings were ignored and unheeded.

This week thousands of Koreans gathered in Seoul Stadium. Chinese and North Korean Communist armies were advancing on them from the North.

"Give us arms", they cried, "one million youths are ready for immediate participation in combat...complete armament is most urgently needed."

Many of them will use sharpened bamboo poles...or nothing.

THE SCENE SHIFTS TO MOSCOW. While Chinese and North Korean Communists wage war against U N and U S, a group of American delegates to Stalin's Second World "Peace" Congress (Warsaw, Nov 16-22) visit Soviet Russia.

When they leave Moscow on Dec 5, day of the rally in Seoul Stadium, to return to the U S, they say they are greatly impressed with Stalin Russia's desire for peace...and carry with them three gifts:

(1) Soil from Stalingrad, which has "never been conquered by foreign invaders"; (2) A fragment of stone from a Stalingrad building, a "symbol of victory over fascism"; (3) A handful of wheat, "symbol of life and peace which people of Stalingrad desire".

Members of the delegation include: Dr JOHN A KINGSBURY, former Commissioner of Welfare of NYCity and present Chairman of Nat'l Council of American-Soviet Friendship; Dr WILLARD UPHAUS of Nat'l Religion and Labor Foundation, New Haven; Rev ROBT MUIR, Boston; Dr HOLLAND ROBERTS, director of the Communist front California Labor School and chairman of the delegation; Mrs DOROTHY COLE of the Chicago Federation of Women's Clubs.

Also CHAS HOWARD of Des Moines, vice-pres of "Progressive" party; Mrs LOUISA LEEK of Massachusetts Women for Peace; PAULINE TAYLOR of Nat'l Ass'n for Advancement of Colored People, Youngstown, Ohio, JACQUELINE CLARK, Los Angeles; CHAS COLLINS, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, NY; THERESE ROBINSON of the Int'l (Negro) Elks, Wash, DC; CARL FLODQUIST, North Branch, Minn; EDWARD BOBROWICZ, Int'l Fur and Leather Workers, Milwaukee, Wis.

From Chicago: YOLANDA HALL, Sec'y, Chicago Labor Peace Conference; Rev MASSIE KENNARD; MOLLIE LUCAS; HAROLD WARD of Farm Equipment Workers and JAMES MILLER of United Auto Workers, Local 453.

Delegation protested when U S Ambassador ALAN G KIRK refused to receive them in Moscow. State Dept backed up KIRK's action.

But State Dept still receives American Communist front delegations in Washington. Why does it do this?

AND THEN SCENE SHIFTS TO U S. CP, as expected, goes all out in support of Stalin. "Negotiate Peace", it cries. And its well-oiled machine starts working. Demonstrations are arranged, front meetings are held, letters and cablegrams to the White House, Congress, the U N, are called for.

CP knows the value of U S-U N appeasement of Stalin. So it does all it can to break will of the people to resist, to give the President and Congress the impression the people want peace at any price.

And others take up the cry. "Peace Now! Debate Later!" says TED

THACKREY, editor of The Daily Compass (NYCity). And he calls for letters to PRES TRUMAN, Sec of State ACHESON, U N representatives and U S Senators.

THACKREY quotes JOSEPH E EVANS of the Wall Street Journal to back up his arguments for appeasement. EVANS wrote on Dec 1 that appeasement "might" be bad but that it seemed the best way out.

The American Women for Peace, temporarily the most important front for women in U S, stages a demonstration at U N headquarters. "Forget who is the aggressor", they demand, "give a cease fire order now."

The Progressive Party, the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives, and numerous other fronts and Communist-controlled unions issue statements with the same Communist-line message, the call to appease Stalin.

Another demonstration is staged at U N...a sit-down strike of about 150 youths led by PAUL ROBESON, JR, a member of the Labor Youth League.

PAUL ROBESON, his father, watches the demonstration with "detached amusement". Stalin's Deputy Foreign Minister, MALIK, says that if the demonstrators want peace, he supports them "heartily".

New York Times describes the demonstrators as "teen-age pacifists", and in doing so gives a fine example of the inaccurate reporting and distortions of U S press that have helped lead U S into its present dilemma.

But Daily Worker, official CP newspaper, reports incident accurately. It says group is made up largely of members of CP's Labor Youth League.

U S radio listeners hear HOWARD K SMITH*, chief of CBS's European News Staff, broadcast from London on Sunday evening, Dec. 3.

"Europe has risen in rebellion" against U S, SMITH reports, "the revolt has been universal, growing up independently inside each free nation, and supported by every party across Europe's scale from Left to Right."

The rebellion is "popular...highly-reasoned and unemotional", he goes on...and ends up by saying that U S must "accept the Red Challenge when right is clearly on our side" but that Europe is not convinced it is in Korea.

His broadcast makes page one of CP press. But no other commentator or reporter confirms his demoralizing report. Is he inaccurate? Does he have an axe to grind? Or is he the ONLY objective U S reporter in Europe?

SMITH's broadcasts have been quoted in CP press and in Communist front literature before because of their propaganda value.

This is the same SMITH who, in a broadcast from Moscow in March 1947, denounced the American plan for containing Communism, which had just been announced. He said it (the Truman Doctrine) was crassly unjust and that Sec of State MARSHALL was under thumb of JOHN FOSTER DULLES.

MORE ON FELIX KNIGHT'S ANTI-COMMUNISM. Last week COUNTERATTACK published an item on the anti-Communist position of FELIX KNIGHT, the opera and radio singer. COUNTERATTACK wishes to point out, in addition, that in a number of instances he has taken public action which passes the acid test of anti-Comunism.

He entertained at benefits for the Finnish people during Russian invasion of Finland and he publicly supported aid to the Allies during the period of the Stalin-Hitler pact when Communists were sabotaging such aid.

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Sayre and Hiss Again Linked to Documents In Planes to Russia

Racey Jordan Tells House Committee He Saw Photographs as Well

The names of Alger Hiss and Francis B. Sayre were before the House Committee on Un-American Activities again today in a public re-run of testimony by former Air Force Maj. G. Racey Jordan.

Mr. Jordan last December identified only as "Mr. X and Mr. Y" the names he said he saw on folders of State Department documents flown to Russia during the war.

He told the committee yesterday [illegible] the names were those of Mr. Sayre, former Assistant Secretary of State, and Hiss, former State Department official convicted of perjury in denying he gave secret documents to Whittaker Chambers, then a Communist courier.

The witness, who was stationed at a Great Falls, Mont., air base during the war, said the names were on slips of paper attached to folders for documents flown to Russia by Russians in lend-lease planes. He saw the material when the planes stopped off at the Montana field, he declared.

Saw Photos of Documents.

He also testified that he saw photographs of many United States documents as well as other materials. From 1942 to 1944, Russia got millions of pounds of American lend-lease materials he now knows could be used in producing an atomic bomb, he said. He got this information from lend-lease shipment records given him by a Russian officer, he explained.

Most of Mr. Jordan's testimony was similar to that he gave at the hearings in December. He was recalled so that Republican mem-

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bers of the committee could hear him.

He repeated his story about having been told by telephone by the late Harry Hopkins, presidential adviser, to "keep quiet" about a shipment of uranium to Russia. But he corrected his previous story by saying it apparently happened in 1943 instead of 1944.

Refers to Gen. Groves.

He also told again of having seen the initials "H. H." on a White House memorandum sheet he said he found in a Russian plane. The memo contained a statement, "had a hell of a time getting this away from Groves," he asserted. This presumably was a reference to Maj. Gen. Leslie Groves, head of the atomic bomb project during the war.

When Mr. Jordan mentioned the names of Mr. Sayre and Hiss in connection with documents he said he found in suitcases in Russian planes at the Great Falls base, he was asked by Representative Nixon, Republican, of California:

"You are not implying that either of the persons whose names you mentioned were actually aiding the Russians in securing Government records, are you?"

"No. I only saw the names there," the witness replied. "If I thought there was anything irregular I wound have grounded the plane."

He did not disclose in detail what he said he saw in the various folders, including those to which he said the names of Mr. Hiss and Mr. Sayre were attached. One of them, he explained, contained what seemed to be a copy of a report that the American Military Mission in Moscow had sent to Washington.

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Letter No. 190
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Dear Subscriber:

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS "NATIONAL EMERGENCY" APPOINTMENT? After serving in the Senate for 18 years, Sen ELBERT D THOMAS (D-Utah) was defeated in recent elections. On Jan 3, Pres TRUMAN appointed him High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. This territory consists of the Carolines, Marianas (excluding Guam) and Marshall Islands which, like the Philippines, are in the path of Sino-Soviet expansion in the Pacific.

But attitude of ex-Senator THOMAS toward Stalin Russia and its front agencies in U S casts doubt on his fitness for this position.

In 1943 he wrote as follows for the Communist magazine, "New Masses":

"In the future when we make an estimate of Soviet leadership, we will see that it is based upon the finest of democratic principles, the cultivation and the development of the people by providing proper education, proper health, proper hospitalization, and proper social opportunities. I cannot speak personally of any of the leaders of the Soviet regime. I do not know them. But if 'by their fruits ye shall know them,' we must call them true leaders of men."

THOMAS, in one of his books (he has written five) published in 1944, wrote that "all close students" agreed that Stalin had given up his hopes for world revolution ("close students" actually did not agree on this at all) but that "anti-Russian forces...will make every attempt to discredit Russia, to throw doubt on her motives and intentions, and to make Americans, especially, believe that Russia is the most to be feared of all powers...They will make us believe that the Russians have deep-laid plans to rule the world, to change all Governments by force, to absorb all Europe..."

He has supported and spoken at meetings of Communist Party (CP) fronts such as the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, American Youth Congress, Nat'l Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Committee of 1000 (formed to fight for abolition of House Committee on Un-American Activities). He was a member of bd of trustees of Institute of Pacific Relations when FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD and OWEN LATTIMORE were prominent in it.

In mid-1948 he spoke at rally of the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists, a Communist front. Communist PAUL ROBESON, Communist propagandist ALBERT E KAHN, and ARTHUR OSMAN, leader of new and powerful Distributive, Processing and Office Workers Union and a delegate to at least one CP convention, were also "stars" of the rally.

THOMAS sponsored the Committee for the First Amendment which was formed to fight the investigation of Communism in Hollywood and took part in its "Hollywood Fights Back" radio broadcast. This Committee questioned right of Congress to ask any man about his "political" views.

Rep MIKE MONRONEY (D-Okla) charged last May that THOMAS had been talking too much about nat'l defense secrets. Earlier, the Munitions Bd c plained when THOMAS revealed exact figures on U S stockpiling...and Gen OM BRADLEY was infuriated when THOMAS gave reporters the general analysis of world situation...which was supposed to be kept secret.

Now, in a time of crisis, the security of the U S Pacific Trust Te ritory is in the hands of ELBERT D THOMAS...who was rejected by his constituents just a few months ago and who for years was apparently duped by Mosco propaganda and Communist fronts in the U S.

Couldn't Pres TRUMAN have picked someone in whom the American peop could have complete confidence to fill this important position?

HOW DO THEY GET TO BE COMMUNISTS? Current perjury trial of WILLIA REMINGTON, former Dept of Commerce economist, for denying that he was a Communist Party member has brought out some interesting facts on how young peop are led into the Communist Party.

Most enlightening testimony in this respect was that of his former wife, ANN MOOS REMINGTON. She stated that REMINGTON had turned "top secret" information over to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, that BENTLEY had given her and her hu band Christmas presents "from the party"...that he had told her (Mrs REMINGTON) that he was a party member. She also said that both she and her husband had worked for the election of EARL BROWDER as Pres of U S, helped organize the Washington Peace Mobilization, contributed $100 to the Communist magazine "New Masses"...and that REMINGTON had consulted with SIMON GERSON (a CP official) about his "future".

Further: She met REMINGTON at a "peace" meeting sponsored by the American Student Union (a CP front endorsed by many "notable" Americans); that he and she attended Student Union and Young Communist League (now Labor Youth League) meetings at Dartmouth...that REMINGTON met Daily Worker writer JOE NORTH (now in Moscow) at the home of her mother, Mrs ELIZABETH MOOS, in fashionable and CP-infiltrated Croton-on-Hudson, NY; that she had introduced REMINGTON to HAROLD LASKI who, in turn, introduced him to Supreme Court Justice FELIX FRANKFURTER (who brought ALGER HISS, LEE PRESSMAN and others to Washington...and appeared as a character witness for HISS in his trial)... that she did not love REMINGTON and had married him for the party...on the condition that he would remain a Communist.

ANN REMINGTON, who broke with the party in 1946, and separated from her husband a year later, undoubtedly had great influence on REMINGTON and helped involve him in the charges he now faces.

But what made ANN REMINGTON what she was? Why was she at the American Student Union meeting at Dartmouth where she met him? Why did she belong to the Young Communist League while attending fashionable Bennington College ...and why did she later join the CP?

The answer is ELIZABETH MOOS, her mother, whom she has described as a "radical" and a "Communist".

ELIZABETH MOOS registered as a Communist Party member in NY elections of 1936. She is still an active party member, according to report of House Committee on Un-American Activities issued last year. She was a sponsor of the American Peace Mobilization, principal front of the Stalin-Hitler pact period; an official of the Nat'l Council of American-Soviet Friendship (she wrote a pamphlet praising Soviet school system which was published by this front last year); she has also supported the Nat'l Federation for Constitutional Liberties, the American Russian Institute, the Bill of Rights Conference (NYCity, 1949...in defense of 12 CP leaders) and the Mexico City American

Continental Congress for Peace (1949). She took part in 1949 conventio the Congress of American Women to report on the Paris Peace Congress. spring of last year she travelled to Europe to take part in the exec bu meeting of Stalin's World Peace Committee. She served as director of th Peace Information Center (COUNTERATTACK May 26, 1950, pp 1-2), Communist propaganda and collection center for the Stockholm Peace Appeal, which w ordered to register as agency of a foreign govt last year.

PEGGY DENNIS, wife of jailed CP Gen'l Sec'y FRANK WALDRON (alia EUGENE DENNIS) wrote a column for CP press last weekend in which she discussed evils of capitalist culture which surround Communists in the U S a repeated standard CP indoctrination methods for parents:

"Our children should know, from infancy, what we as progressive parents disapprove of, what we believe in, and why. Too often we do not the time to explain why our ideas and ideals are so different than those c the whole environment around them. And experience as parents has shown us that this explaining cannot be done at 'one sitting'—for all time to come It goes on constantly and permanently, and on the basis of the developing experiences and knowledge of the child himself."

ELIZABETH MOOS was evidently a good Communist parent. So it was logical that her daughter attended front meetings while in college and "toc up with" another fronter whom she eventually married...not for love, but fc the party and on the condition that he would remain a Communist.

It was logical, too, that she would bring her fiance home to meet her Communist mother...the home where he also met JOE NORTH and others who were involved in Stalin's plot to enslave the world.

ELIZABETH MOOS was formerly a school teacher in Bronx, NY...and hea mistress of the Hessian Hills School in Croton-on-Hudson.

While she held these positions, how many students did she indoctrinate with the same ideas she gave her daughter?

Note to parents of college students: The Labor Youth League (new Young Communist League), Young Progressives of America and other Communist youth fronts are permitted to function on campuses of many American colleges They are working today for same purposes that the Young Communist League and American Student Union worked for when REMINGTON was at Dartmouth.

And there are many teachers like ELIZABETH MOOS in high schools and colleges of U S who are working today for the objectives of world Communism and to recruit new "Remingtons" for the cause.

AVERILL BERMAN IS BACK ON THE AIR. On Oct 20, 1950, p 4, COUNTERATTACK published facts on the Communist front record of AVERILL BERMAN, who was then a commentator on radio station KGFJ, Los Angeles.

Two weeks ago (Dec 22, p 3), COUNTERATTACK noted that BERMAN had been dismissed from station KGFJ and that Communist fronts had started an agitation campaign to have him reinstated.

Now BERMAN is broadcasting again...on station KWKW, Pasadena. His return to the air was advertised in Los Angeles papers and his first program, on Christmas Day, was a clever call for appeasement in the name of "peace".

BERMAN is still sponsored by the Los Angeles Radio Committee. PENN VANDEVOORT, pres of this committee, was ousted from Carpenters Union (AFL) for his Communist activities; he is an associate editor of the Communist-line California Eagle and managing editor of "The Key", another West Coast publication that defends and publicizes Communists.

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Dear Subscriber:

WHEN HIGH U. S. OFFICIALS ARE COMMUNIST SPIES, IS IT ANY WONDER WE LOSE CHINA? At start of this year...on Jan 9...Counterattack began its letter of that date with this question: "HOW HIGH UP ARE STALIN'S SPIES IN U. S. GOVT?" We then revealed what had never before been published here... that U S Army Intelligence had learned that one of Stalin's spy rings in Japan had been led by Dr Richard Sorge, Nazi Party member who was an important official of German Embassy in Tokyo, and that his chief lieutenant was a leading Japanese who was close to Prime Minister Konoye's secretaries.

If Stalin could do this in Japan, where the Govt was militaristic & strict, how much had he been able to do in our far more careless country? We quoted Alfred Kohlberg, chairman of American China Policy Assn, as asking the blunt question: "How many in our State Dept are Russian spies?"

Now in Pearl Harbor Week we've begun to get a bit of the answer. With Whittaker Chambers & Alger Hiss & Donald Hiss testifying before the Federal grand jury, part of the truth begins to come out.

There were and there ARE Communists in various departments & agencies of our Govt. Communists in State Dept largely molded our policy on China. During the war the State Dept and the Office of War Information had Communists in Chungking. They plotted against the Chinese Govt. They were honored by being received as guests of Madame Sun Yat Sen, the top Communist fellow-traveler in China, who is touted by Communists in U S as a liberal.

With Communists in high positions in State Dept, with Communists betraying our codes to Stalin, with Communists poisoning the information received by our President and our Sec'y of State, is it any wonder that we've practically lost China and lost the Asiatic part of the Second World War?

We fought Japan to keep her from grabbing China...but now we've let STALIN grab China. On Nov 26, 1941, Sec'y Hull handed the Japanese ambassador the fateful note which Japan called an ultimatum. It was our last word. Japan must get completely out of China, must abandon her puppet Manchukuoan Govt, must recognize Chiang Kai Shek's Natl Govt. On that issue we went to war. Now we've let Stalin take China. What did we fight the Pacific war for? What was the good of all the lives lost, of all the torments suffered by our troops on Bataan, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Iwo Jima, and in the blood-reddened waters of the Philippines and all those other places of battle?

If Japan had gained full control of China she would have been less dangerous to America than Stalin will be. At least Japan would have had Communist Siberia at her back, as an enemy to be watched. But there will be no enemy at the back of Communist China.

This week Wm Z Foster & Frank Waldron, alias Eugene Dennis, leaders of Communist Party here, cabled Chinese CP: "Your historic successes, and your approaching nationwide victory, are helping to decisively change the face of the world. We American Communists appreciate the significance of

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these events." Yes, the Communists appreciate the significance. But do we?

U S has only delivered $63,000,000 in fighting equipment to China in past year and a half. That's the figure which our officials now claim, after all those yarns about our huge gifts to China. Only $63,000,000 (it may be less). And in the same period we've given little Greece $170,000,000. We certainly should defend Greece from Stalin...but why give him China?

All this isn't merely a matter of blundering by our Govt. It's largely the result of operations of Communists at a high level in our State Dept. Some of them had easy access to the White House. And Communists are still in government jobs. Efforts to get at the truth have been largely balked by the hush-up policy of the Administration...for fear of political embarrassment. The much denounced House Committee on Un-American Activities is the only official body that has given our people a glimpse of the truth, to awaken them to the terrible national danger. But we need much more than this glimpse. We need a thorough-going investigation that will expose the Communists in the Govt and throw them out, even at this late hour.

COMMUNIST PARTY REBUKES ITS OWN CIO LEADERS FOR FAILURE TO FIGHT PHILIP MURRAY. Rebuke was administered this week by John Williamson, Natl Labor Sec'y of CP (who's one of 12 top party leaders now under indictment). We'll give facts on his action in a moment. But first let's see what Murray's plans against CP are...and how CP intends to resist them.

Murray has these plans for these Communist-controlled unions:

FE (Farm Equipment union). It's ordered to merge with Walter Reuther's United Auto Workers. Merger order comes from CIO Exec Board, under authority of a wide, elastic resolution adopted in recent CIO convention. Board set 60-day time limit for obedience. FE is talking back defiantly... but Murray may may lift its charter, on the ground that FE is violating a jurisdictional decision which CIO gave in favor of Auto years ago.

United Public Workers. What Murray is especially worried about is strength of this union at Panama Canal. He's going to charter a new Federal employees' union, and transfer Federal members from UPW. Many such employees bolted UPW lately and entered CIO Shipbuilding union. Now they'll move into new Federal employees' union. UPW will be left with its state & local employees. But later Murray will fight to end CP control in that area too.

United Office & Professional Workers of America. Its leaders are resisting Murray's demand that they resign. If necessary, Murray will appoint an organizing committee to organize office workers independently of this union. One way or another, he's determined to beat CP in office field.

Food, Tobacco & Agricultural Workers. Here he may use same tactics as in office union. Or he may let another CIO union enter this jurisdiction.

United Electrical Workers. This huge union, third largest in CIO, has been Murray's chief worry. He wants to drive its Communist leaders out of CIO without letting them take UE out...or even take a big minority of members. Pres Albert Fitzgerald of UE isn't a Communist...he's a self-seeking stooge. In convention Murray let other CIO leaders rap Fitzgerald and threaten to prevent his reelection as one of the nine CIO V-P's. So Fitzgerald made a few hedging statements...for example, he said Molotov & Vishinsky were warmongers. He was reelected a CIO V-P. Now Murray is trying to drive a deeper wedge between Fitzgerald and the Communists who run UE. Fitzgerald will turn anti-CP if he can save UE presidency for himself.

West Coast longshoremen. There's a strong revolt against Pres Harry Bridges in this union. Murray will coax it along.

CIO councils in Calif. Harry Bridges controls these, but Murray intends to end his control, maybe by lifting their charters. This is what he has just done to CIO council in Greater NY.

Here's CP's strategy to resist Murray. CP will stress militant union tactics...big wage demands...stiff fight against speedup...etc. CP loudly calls for return of spirit of 1936, when CIO was created. It charges that Murray, Reuther, Emil Rieve of Textile, and other leaders have lost militancy...that in backing the Marshall Plan they'll necessarily have to urge labor peace...that they're selling out the workers. CP will promote wildcat strikes and other revolts in unions led by anti-Communists. Thus it hopes to win followers and make Murray's anti-Communism unpopular.

Now here's John Williamson's rebuke to some leaders:

Pres Albert Fitzgerald of UE gets the most open drubbing. Williamson bawls him out for his "remarks to the effect that if Truman makes good he will tell the Progressive Party 'to go to hell'" and for "his unfounded criticism of the Soviet Union as 'sabre rattlers'". And Williamson broadly hints to all Communists that Fitzgerald is thinking about breaking with CP.

CP Members Jas J Matles & Julius Emspak, the rulers of UE, are rebuked, but not by name, because they weakened a little under Murray's attack. For instance, although they voted for the minority resolutions, they didn't fight for them by getting up on their hind legs and making speeches. Williamson spanks these UE chiefs as well as the delegates from West Coast longshoremen and United Furniture Workers for these and other acts of caution.

Murray is now "the worst red-baiter of them all" and must be fought to the finish, says CP. There must be no backing away from him. Fight him on the wage question...call him a sell-out artist. That's the new CP line.

PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE CO. PROVES OFFICE UNION LEADERS ARE PRO-MOSCOW. Two years ago Allis-Chalmers Co delivered a mighty blow against Communist leaders of Local 248 of United Auto Workers by issuing a booklet containing photostatic copies of signatures of those leaders on a Communist Party nominating petition. Now Prudential Insurance Co has done much the same thing to leaders of United Office & Professional Workers of America (UOPWA).

Prudential has published a 20-page booklet with photostats of signature of Pres Jas H Durkin on CP nominating petitions...also signatures of Division Head Jos H Levy and Regional Directors Richard S Lewis, Aaron J Schneider & Frank Engelberg. Also proof that Midwest Regional Director Morris Yanoff enrolled (or registered) as a Communist in a 1933 election. Etc, etc.

Counterattack issued a special report in July, 1947, on UOPWA, giving abundant proof that Communist Party controls this union.

COMMUNIST MURIEL DRAPER AND HER SON PAUL DO THEIR STUFF. Stalin's international front for women is called the Women's International Democratic Federation. It has just held its annual convention in Budapest, Hungary. Some American newspapers have reported a few facts about this. They've quoted the frightening statements of the leader of the American delegation, Muriel Draper, who revealed the ghastly "police terror" that now crushes our miserable country. But they haven't told anything else about Muriel Draper.

Muriel Draper is a member of the Communist Party. Why is this kind of fact omitted when newspapers report meetings of Communist fronts? Muriel Draper, a CP member, is Exec V-P of the Congress of American Women, which is the U S affiliate of Stalin's international women's front.

Muriel Drap 's son Paul is a well-known ta ancer...and a prominent name in Communist fronts. He and Larry Adler, the harmonica player, go on tour together...and at the same time appear in Stalinoid meetings. Occasionally they even get away with a bit of their propaganda on the stage.

While his mother was smearing the U S in the Budapest meeting during the past week, Paul Draper was speaking & dancing at a series of meetings called by a big Communist front & racket, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. These meetings were among many hundreds held in 16 countries by the world Communist movement for permanent enslavement of Spain. The Communists staged what they called a Free Spain Week. They mean they want to replace Franco's Fascist tyranny with Stalin's far more tyrannical Red Fascism.

Among Paul Draper's companions in the Communist-front meetings for a Stalinized Spain were Paul Robeson, who is a Communist Party member but doesn't admit it yet...Howard Fast, novelist & propagandist, who no longer denies he's a Communist Party member...Sen Glen Hearst Taylor...Rep Vito Marcantonio...Rep Leo Isacson...O John Rogge, lawyer for many Red Fascists and their fronts...Dorothy Parker, writer, who doesn't admit she's a CP member ...Jas Waterman Wise, leading Commugressive...Maxine Sullivan, singer.

Paul Draper sometimes appears in movies. Eric Johnston and the movie companies should take note of Paul Draper's Stalinoid activities.

Ella Winter, wife of Donald Ogden Stewart, leading screenwriter, was one of the delegates at the meeting of Stalin's international women's front in Budapest. Ella Winter has also been writing a series of articles from Europe for the newspaper PM (which now calls itself the NYStar).

NORMAN CORWIN IN HOLLYWOOD HELPS COMMUNIST SCREENWRITERS IN DRIVE TO GET THEIR JOBS BACK. The 10 Communist writers & directors who were fired by movie industry a year ago, after they refused to tell Congress whether they were CP members, are campaigning vigorously to reverse that decision.

Hollywood chapter of a top Communist front, the Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions, staged a meeting recently to help them.

Norman Corwin was featured speaker in the Hollywood meeting. This leading radio writer & director is a big name in Columbia Broadcasting System. And he's a big name in many Communist fronts too (Counterattack July 25 '47, pp 3 & 4). He praised the 10 indicted Communists.

Ring Lardner, Jr, one of the indicted ten, is appealing to public opinion by writing a long letter to newspapers which a year ago denounced the Hollywood hearings. Many newspapers did this, usually because they just don't know the score. Lardner's form letter to each of these papers begins by quoting one of its editorials a year ago assailing the hearings. Then he compliments the paper by saying its attacks on the investigation "contributed materially to its abrupt termination". Next he bemoans the dismissal of the writers & directors as a deep injustice. This letter has appeared in many newspapers. It's cunning & untruthful. Hollywood should not only maintain its decision against these Communists but enforce it against all others.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNIST PARTY HAS FINGERS CROSSED ON ACHESON. It expects that his appointment as Sec'y of State will bring a shift of American policy on Stalin Russia...some kind of compromise...some kind of short cut to "peace". But the CP doesn't know how far Truman & Acheson will go...how far they'll play into Moscow's hands. So for the time being it's waiting cautiously.

Dean Acheson used to be an appeaser. How much has he changed? What policy does he favor now? Let's look at the facts about him.

Counterattack was the first to disclose that Acheson acted as a guarantor & protector of Alger & Donald Hiss after Whittaker Chambers went to Assistant Sec'y of State Adolf A Berle, Jr, in August 1939 and told part of his story (Counterattack Aug 6 '48, p 3).

Berle gave the same facts in more detail later when testifying before House Un-American Activities Committee. "I checked on the two Hiss boys," he said. "Specifically, I checked with Dean Acheson, and later I checked when Acheson became the Assistant Sec'y of State and Alger Hiss became his executive assistant....Acheson said that he had known the family and these two boys from childhood and could vouch for them absolutely."

When Berle was asked if he had suspected Alger Hiss, he replied: "A better way of saying it is: I was worried....In the fall of 1944 there was a difference of opinion in the State Dept. I felt that the Russians were not going to be sympathetic and cooperative....I was pressing for a pretty clean-cut showdown then when our position was strongest.

"The opposite group in the State Dept was largely the men — Mr Acheson's group, of course, with Mr Hiss as his principal assistant in the matter....At that time Mr Hiss did take what we would call today the pro-Russian point of view. Now, that was reason for worry. It is not necessarily a reason to draw the conclusion that he was a disloyal man because many people were quite loyal, including a good many of the Army officers who felt the Russian army would be important in case of an invasion of Japan and that by consequence it was desirable not to raise any issues until later. I say that in Mr Hiss' defense, although I got trimmed in that fight, and, as a result, went to Brazil, and that ended my diplomatic career....

"Now, there was one other thing that worried me, too. At that time we were all trying not to tell anything that ought not to be told, and there were pretty consistent leaks whenever anything went through that office. Usually, we would know about them because they would come out in Mr Drew Pearson's column, and one of the leg men was pretty intimate in that office." (Pearson has a leg-man with a Communist past.) "Well, this was reason for caution....When Mr Hiss began to move up in the hierarchy with Mr Acheson, I checked with Mr Acheson. Frankly, I still don't know whether this is a boy that got in deep and then pulled clear, or what goes on here."

Donald Hiss was chief economic advisor to Acheson. Before Acheson

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joined State Dept 1941, he was a member of Washington law firm of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson & Shorb. He returned to it when he resigned from State Dept in 1947. This firm became counsel for Communist regime of Poland in 1945. Donald Hiss left State Dept to become an employee of the firm, and later was made a partner.

In 1946 the U S granted a $90,000,000 loan to the Polish Communists, despite strong and long-continued objections of our ambassador to Poland, Arthur Bliss Lane (see the chapter, "Financial Appeasement", in his book, "I saw Poland Betrayed", published lately by Bobbs-Merrill).

Donald Hiss handled the Polish loan and afterwards was active in an attempt to borrow $600,000,000 more from the World Bank.

After Roosevelt suddenly died in April 1945 and V-P Truman was catapulted into White House, Acheson saw him often. At that time Acheson was an Assistant Sec'y of State. Mrs Truman joined a Spanish class, and Mrs Acheson joined it too. Acheson and Truman became very friendly.

Acheson disagreed with Undersecretary of State Joseph C Grew, who was strongly anti-Communist. The Communists and pro-Communists were waging a campaign against Grew because he opposed their policies on China and Japan. Acheson told Truman that Grew's policies were wrong.

Acheson arranged for Owen Lattimore to see Truman and to tell him what our policies in Far East should be. Lattimore was a member of Exec Committee of Institute of Pacific Relations, along with Frederick Vanderbilt Field, a Communist Party member. Lattimore & Field were also associated in other organizations. They had both been on editorial board of Amerasia magazine, which in 1945 was involved in State Dept espionage case.

Philip J Jaffe, a friend of Earl Browder, was publisher of this magazine. Jaffe got many documents from State Dept. Some of these had been classified as highly secret. In office of his small magazine, the FBI found large-sized equipment for photographing documents.

Campaign against Undersec'y Grew succeeded in August 1945, when he was forced to resign. Truman appointed Acheson to replace him.

In the following month Jaffe was allowed to plead guilty to a minor charge and escape with a fine of $2,500.

Acheson spoke on same platform with "Red Dean" of Canterbury Cathedral, Rev Hewlett Johnson, in Nov 1945. This was at meeting of big Communist front, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

But in 1946 Acheson began changing his attitude toward Moscow. In 1947 he was active in launching the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan. Now Herbert Hoover praises him and so does John Foster Dulles.

These endorsements must be treated with respect, even though Dulles also picked Alger Hiss to become president of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Acheson has definitely convinced many leading anti-Communists that he's no longer an appeaser.

That's all to the good. But some other factors need attention.

First there's the moral question. The Teheran & Yalta deals of wartime, like the Munich deal of 1938, weren't only MISTAKES. They were morally wrong. They betrayed whole peoples to Communist tyranny. They betrayed hundreds of individual democratic leaders to death. When Ambassador Lane wrote his book, "I Saw Poland Betrayed", he chose the title carefully. Our Govt betrayed Poland...and China and other countries as well. These acts were really crimes...or, to use an older word, sins. Yet has Acheson spoken a word of repentance for his part in these betrayals?

Next, Jay Franklin's article in Life magazine, and his previous remarks of the same sort in his newspaper column, can't be ignored. Truman hasn't explained why a known appeaser like Franklin was brought in to write some of Truman's campaign speeches. Franklin says Truman wants a softer policy toward Moscow. The Communists & fellow-travelers think so too.

The Communist Party reacted significantly to Acheson's appointment. It published a long editorial in the Daily Worker beginning, "The headlines announcing the resignation of Secretary Marshall and his Wall Street banker colleague, Robert A Lovett, are another act in the cat-and-mouse game which President Truman is playing with the peace of the United States." Note the significant omission. Those same headlines also announced the appointment of Acheson to replace Marshall...but the Daily Worker didn't mention that fact in the first sentence...or ANYWHERE ELSE in the long editorial. Truman, Marshall & Lovett were named repeatedly...but Acheson NOT ONCE.

Theme of the editorial was that Truman was yielding to public pressure, just as he had done in his "peace" talk in the campaign...and that "the American people can press their advantage...if they put tremendous pressure on Congress and the Senate as well as on the White House itself." But what about Acheson? NOT ONE WORD. Plainly the Communist Party leaders believe Truman is planning a new approach to Moscow, and that Acheson agrees with him. And the Communists know that the way to get the biggest compromise is to bargain hard, talk suspiciously, and exert pressure.

J Raymond Walsh, pro-Soviet radio commentator, also made a revealing interpretation. (At the time of Amerasia espionage case, Walsh spoke on the radio in behalf of the defendants. Referring to one of them he said: "His arrest brought some exceedingly powerful people within the Govt to his defense.") When Truman announced Acheson would become Sec'y of State, Walsh said on Station WMCA, New York: "There's more to this than a mere shift of officeholders....Jay Franklin is not just a writer"...he was close to Roosevelt and has been close to Truman, said Walsh. And Acheson is "a genuine cosmopolitan....He's against hysteria. He's a tolerant man." By this Walsh implied that Acheson has a "tolerant" attitude toward Stalin Russia.

Here's another significant thing. The newspaper PM, which now calls itself NYStar, has repeatedly cartooned Marshall as a silly 19th century general, with a huge sword and grotesque epaulettes, and wearing a fool's cap. This newspaper greeted Acheson's appointment with satisfaction. Jennings Perry, a smooth columnist on this paper who has campaigned cleverly for appeasement, declared "there would have been general and genuine disappointment if Marshall had not resigned."

What does all this add up to? Not a DIRECT form of appeasement. Acheson will GUIDE Truman, not try to outrun him. He'll yes him as much as necessary. The U S will still talk firmly to Stalin, will still resist him. Yet all signs point toward an attempt to make a real & permanent agreement with him...a new settlement, with give & take on both sides.

But no settlement with Stalin can be permanent. The world is changing. We're letting Asia slip into Communist control. Stalin's Fifth Column in every country will continue to operate. If Stalin agrees to a settlement, it will only be to stall while Soviet strength increases and America's declines...till we're about as weak as Britain is now. There's no safety for America in such a policy. Safest thing is a policy of "containing" Stalin Russia...holding it back...squeezing it...weakening it more and more until in the end we force an internal change that will overthrow the Communist regime. That's the ONLY alternative to a shooting war.

The indicated Truman-Acheson policy would gradually but surely turn the cold war into a phony peace...lull the American people to sleep...and finally bring on a shooting war when the odds were against us.

Counterattack hopes that this forecast of the Truman-Acheson policy will prove to be wrong. Best way of making it come wrong is by insisting that the President of the United States and the Secretary of State and both houses of Congress stand firm against Stalin Russia.

Let there be no appeasement, direct or indirect! Make this demand heard throughout the land. Otherwise America may be finished.

SLAVIC COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, a Communist front, had a radio program for five years on Station KXLA, Los Angeles, promoting Communist policies, especially with reference to Communist regimes of Slavic countries. Lately the station cracked down on this propaganda. So the Slavic Council is off the air...but it has started a magazine, the Slavic American News, to ~~push the same line...Moscow is now emphasizing Slavic propaganda in U S.~~

BEAUTIFUL WHITEWASHING OF PAUL DRAPER & LARRY ADLER has been administered by Greenwich Community Concert Assn, of Greenwich, Conn. This organization has arranged for Tap Dancer Draper & Harmonica Player Adler to give one of their concerts, Jan 21. Objections arose because of the many Communist-front connections of these men. The board of the association held a meeting and questioned Draper & Adler, who gave the usual pat answers. So the board announced it was convinced that Draper's & Adler's "activities are not subversive in character" but "are based on the American pattern".

American pattern? Let's see. Draper & Adler don't admit they're Communist Party members. (Draper's mother, Muriel Draper, is a Communist Party member...she's Executive V-P of Congress of American Women, big Communist front.) Draper & Adler continually push Communist projects...they're favorites of the Daily Worker. Among Draper's connections are these:

New Masses, Communist Party's former weekly...he entertained at a concert for its benefit, along with Paul Robeson...and later Daily Worker published a picture of Draper being sketched by a New Masses artist...Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, big front & racket...May Day parade committee, 1946...Citizens Committee of Upper West Side...Communists' Third Party.

And a few of Larry Adler's Communist-front connections are:--Civil Rights Congress...American Labor Party...American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists & Scientists (denounced by American Jewish League Against Communism)...Progressive Citizens of America...Communists' Third Party.

The country is still asleep. Whitewashing of Draper & Adler in Greenwich, Conn, is one of many examples. Communists & fellow-travelers appear at concerts and on lecture platforms all over U S. They're clean & neat. No Bolshevik whiskers. So they can't be Communists. "Let's not have a witch-hunt"...that's the prevailing attitude...especially in prosperous, "sophisticated" communities. In other words, "it can't happen here!"

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Subscriber:

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EX-WIFE OF STALIN'S TOP MAN IN U. S. WAS HEAD OF SPY RING IN GOV'T. Counterattack stated last Aug 6, "Stalin has many spy rings in U S, just as he had and still has in Canada. He doesn't put all his eggs in one basket."

The "C I Rep", or Communist International Representative, in this country in 1936 was Gerhart Eisler. His first wife, Hede Gumperz, was also in U S. (His second wife, Hede's sister, Ella Eisler, whom he had married in 1931, was in Europe...and she said in 1946 she was still his wife.)

Hede Gumperz was in charge of an underground Communist apparatus in Washington. There were Govt officials who gave her secrets. This spy apparatus was wholly separate from Whittaker Chambers' apparatus.

Hede Gumperz broke with Stalin later on. Eisler didn't break. Transferred from U S to Europe, he carried out various assignments there. He returned to U S in 1941 with another woman. They were married in 1942, regardless of his wife in Europe. And now they're both in Germany, after Eisler's escape from American law.

Hede Gumperz has since remarried, and her name is now Massing.

She told Federal Grand Jury she knew Alger Hiss...and she said she talked with him in 1936 in apartment of Noel Field, State Dept official who was a member of her underground apparatus. Hiss admitted on witness stand that he and Noel Field repeatedly dined in each other's homes.

Hede Gumperz Massing says she argued with Hiss because he was trying to raid her underground apparatus and induce Noel Field to join his and Whittaker Chambers' apparatus. She says she wanted to keep Field herself.

But Federal Judge Samuel H Kaufman refused to let her tell her story to the jury in the Hiss case.

WHEN "THE SPECTATORS" CRIED OUT "OH, NO" TO THE JUDGE IN HISS CASE. it was certainly a remarkable incident. What caused it? How was it related to other unusual developments in the celebrated trial?

And what of the contempt citations which Federal Judge Kaufman has hinted he may issue against some newspaper writers because of their comments on the trial or on himself? What's the dispute all about?

Briefly, the main assertions about Judge Kaufman, aside from his handling of the trial, are that he's a politician, recently named to the bench...that leading bar associations refused to approve him for the judgeship...and that he accepted the Hiss case (or perhaps even assigned it to himself) though he knew the defendant's lawyer was Lloyd Paul Stryker, who has much the same political connections as himself, and who had been chairman of a lawyers' committee that recommended Kaufman's appointment.

However, there are lawyers who answer this by saying that many appointees to the Federal bench have been politically active, and that it isn't considered unethical for a judge to sit in a case in which one of the lawyers has supported him for appointment to his present post.

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There has been veiled criticism of Judge Kaufman's rulings on testimony affecting the credibility of various witnesses. Stryker during the trial attempted to impair the credibility of Whittaker Chambers. Ass't U S Atty Thos F Murphy attempted to impair credibility of Alger Hiss. Judge Kaufman, as some newspapers reported, allowed Stryker "wide latitude in impairing the credibility" of Chambers. He let a boyhood friend testify regarding some of Chambers' pranks as a boy.

The judge himself questioned Chambers closely, undertaking "a sort of cross-examination of the witness while he was still under direct examination by Mr Murphy", as one leading newspaper related. He rebuked Chambers repeatedly. Some of the reporters thought he was treating Chambers roughly, but they suggested that that was only the judge's way, and that he would treat other witnesses similarly. But later they changed their minds. It seemed to them that defense witnesses received softer treatment.

Sometimes the judge got his facts wrong. When Chambers testified he had had five sources of information in State Dept, Judge Kaufman questioned him sharply about having "forgotten" this when he testified before House Un-American Activities Committee last August. But Prosecutor Murphy objected that Chambers hadn't testified he had forgotten. At this the judge dropped the matter, saying he would look up the record again.

But lawyers say it isn't unusual for a judge to make a mistake about a fact in the record, and to be corrected by a lawyer.

Chambers' wife drew rebukes again and again from the judge, which some reporters believed to be unjustified. At one point, for example, Stryker suggested that the FBI had told her what to testify. She answered that this was an insult. Judge Kaufman rebuked her.

The cry, "Oh, no," from "spectators" came during Mrs Chambers' testimony. She said she and her husband were known to Alger Hiss and his wife as "Lisa" and "Carl". Judge Kaufman asked, "What was your last name?" Mrs Chambers answered, "We never had a last name." Judge Kaufman said challengingly: "I don't understand your answer. Your husband testified that you were known as Crosley."

"Oh, no," some "spectators" cried out.

And at that the judge subsided, dropping the matter.

Now who were the "spectators", as some newspapers called them? What spectators would interrupt to correct a judge...a FEDERAL judge?

Fact is the "spectators" were reporters. They heard the judge misquoting testimony, and they spoke right up.

Now this is certainly extraordinary. It's hard to say which phase of it is more extraordinary...that a Federal judge should quote testimony in a way which reporters are able to correct...or that the reporters should spontaneously interrupt in the way that they did.

To impair Hiss' credibility, the Govt called Gerhart Eisler's first wife, Mrs Hede Massing, formerly Hede Gumperz. Prosecutor Murphy had already asked Hiss about a conversation in Noel Field's apartment in 1936 with Hede Gumperz, in which "she complained about you trying to get Noel Field into your apparatus." Hiss denied there had been such a conversation. To show he wasn't telling the truth, Murphy called Hede Gumperz Massing.

But Judge Kaufman refused to let her take the stand. The matter was argued in the judge's chambers. The jury never heard a word from Gerhart Eisler's ex-wife. No explanation of this refusal was given in court.

The question of Chambers' and Hiss' mental and emotional condition also came up. This had a bearing on MOTIVES for their alleged actions.

What was Chambers' motive if he was lying about Hiss, Lee Pressman, Nathan Witt, John J Abt, the late Ex-Assistant Sec'y of the Treasury Harry D White, and others? Why should he have publicly made charges against them, at the risk of losing his $30,000 a year job on Time (which he did lose)?

It was up to Hiss to suggest a motive. Through Stryker he suggested that Chambers was mentally unbalanced.

What was Alger Hiss' motive in slipping U S Govt secrets to Moscow, if Chambers was telling the truth? Why should he have run the terrible risk of exposure? In order to provide plausible motivation, the Govt tried to bring out facts in Hiss' life that had affected him emotionally.

Judge Kaufman allowed the defense to bring in a psychiatrist, who sat in front of Chambers while he was testifying, and who made notes and consulted with Stryker. And near the end of the trial the judge let Stryker "ask" the psychiatrist a long hypothetical "question" which in effect was a 45-minute speech summing up the worst aspects of Chambers' life.

This "question" was NOT presented to the judge beforehand in his chambers, as the matter of Hede Gumperz Massing's testimony had been. Instead it was read in full by Stryker for 45 minutes before the jury. Not until then did Judge Kaufman rule the "question" out. By that time, as Murphy indignantly said, the damage had been done. And the "Progressive" or Commugressive Party's unofficial national daily newspaper, the Compass, reported that "the effect the defense had sought to make on the jury had been made, and Stryker appeared quite content".

Judge Kaufman also let Stryker show that Chambers' brother had committed suicide. But Hiss, too, has had suicides in his family. Both his father and his favorite sister took their own lives. Yet when Prosecutor Murphy tried to bring out these facts (which would have a bearing on Hiss' emotional life, and thus on the motivation of his alleged betrayal of his country), Judge Kaufman refused to permit the questions.

Two points are made in Judge Kaufman's behalf:

1. A Federal judge has wide discretion in making his rulings.
2. The defense in a criminal case has much greater latitude than the Govt. It may introduce a broader range of testimony. It may ask a Govt witness questions which the Govt can't ask a defense witness. Some of Judge Kaufman's rulings may be based on this broader right of the defense.

The fact that the judge shook hands with two defense witnesses is a minor point, but it has displeased some reporters. This country has had a Supreme Court for 160 years. As all Supreme Court justices have wide acquaintances, it is likely that many justices in the past 160 years have had friends who were prosecuted on criminal charges...but in all that time, seemingly, not one Supreme Court justice has ever entered a courtroom as a character witness for a defendant in a criminal case. Yet that's what took place in Hiss trial. Supreme Court Justices Felix Frankfurter and Stanley Reed came from Washington to testify that Alger Hiss' reputation was good.

And Judge Kaufman stood up to shake hands with the two witnesses. In the courtroom they were witnesses, nothing more. When a judge in a case singles out a witness for honor, the jury is impressed. It tends to accept the testimony of the honored witness more readily. To some reporters it seemed that Judge Kaufman helped Alger Hiss when he stood up to shake hands with two witnesses for the defense.

If Judge Kaufman cites any newspaper writers for contempt, as he has intimated he may do, some of the aspects of the Alger Hiss trial will get a wider public discussion than they've had yet. Now that the trial is over, a full discussion of the facts may be in the public interest.

C.P. FORMS "ANTI-ANTI-COMMUNIST" FARMER-LABOR FRONT. As predicted by Counterattack May 27, the Communist Party has organized a farmer-labor transmission belt in a conference at Davenport, Ia. Exec Sec'y of conference was Homer Ayres, Farm Relations Director of Farm Equipment Union, CIO.

Fred Stover, Pres of Iowa Farmers Union, made one of the leading speeches. And there were many other people there from various sections of Natl Farmers Union, which is Communist-infiltrated. Stover denounced "spy hysteria, Red hysteria, trial hysteria"...and said he likes the color red.

Clarence Hathaway, former editor of CP's newspaper, Daily Worker, was there as a St Paul official of CP-led United Electrical Workers, CIO.

Elmer Benson, former Gov of Minnesota and former U S senator, now Natl Chairman of Commugressive Party, was a speaker. Benson, who hasn't publicly announced himself a member of Communist Party, praised Stalin Russia, attacked "American imperialism", and said he believed all persons present were in accord with the principles of "socialism"...but in presenting their program they must be careful not to scare people before there was a chance of putting the program into effect. He didn't say what he meant by "socialism". Socialists say Communists misuse this word.

Anti-anti-Communist line was laid down by Wm D Smith, V-P of Farm Equipment Union. He urged unity of "progressive farmers & progressive labor". And he defined "progressive" the way the Communists do. Among other things, he said, it means "anti-anti-Communist". (This is a case where two negatives make an affirmative. Anybody who is anti-anti-Communist is really PRO-Communist, since his actions are bound to HELP the Communists).

The organization that was set up is called Midwest Farmer Labor Alliance. It will NOT seek a big membership. It will be a committee. Purposes: To increase Communist strength in Natl Farmers Union. To win more farmers to Communism. To gain farm support for Communist-led unions.

HEAD OF PROPAGANDA THEATER CONVICTED FOR REFUSING TO SAY IF SHE IS C.P. MEMBER. Seattle Repertory Playhouse has long been one of the breeding beds of Communism, according to witnesses before Washington State's Canwell Un-American Activities Committee. They testified the actors at the theater have belonged to a CP branch of their own, and the plays have been largely chosen as propaganda, especially for effect on U of Washington students.

Burton W James and his wife, Mrs Florence Bean James, directors of the theater, refused to tell Canwell Committee whether they were CP members. They were prosecuted for contempt. In Mrs James' case the jury disagreed. James and three others were convicted (Counterattack May 13). Now Mrs James has been tried again...and this time the jury has convicted her.

From Broadway to Hollywood, the American theater is largely infested with Communism. The Seattle case has only lifted one little corner of the curtain in the Communist theater situation.

Yours faithfully,

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800 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena.

Bring the above facts to his attention. Tell him much more infc mation is available if he will take the trouble to do some checking.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP FIGHT THE COMMUNISTS? It is more import today than ever before that people in all parts of the world, and especia those in Communist-dominated countries, learn the truth about America.

The Common Council for American Unity, which has been working sir World War I to help new citizens adjust themselves to life in the U S, is conducting a drive to boost to 35,000,000 the number of participants in it "Letters From America" campaign.

An estimated 250,000,000 letters are sent abroad each year by the 35,000,000 first and second generation citizens of the U S. The Council wants to reach all of these people...to make them conscious of the part the play in forming opinion in all parts of the world and to show them how thei letters can be converted into weapons in the "campaign of truth" to combat Communist propaganda and lies about the U S.

A weekly column showing how letters can help the cause of freedom is published by the Council. This column is printed in over 25 languages, is quoted on 186 foreign language radio programs and reprinted in 245 foreig language papers in U S. It now reaches 8,000,000 people.

This guide is not doctrinaire, does not lay down an official "line" It DOES show how letters can be tied in with current events (Stockholm Peace Appeal, Malik's U N ravings, Korean War, etc) and present a true picture of the U S...the rest is up to the individual letter writer's initiative.

Effectiveness of Council's "Letters From America" campaign can be judged by fact that CP has found it necessary to warn its followers against it. The official Swedish Communist Party organ, NY Dag, published in Stockholm, has "exposed" the campaign. The Communist Hungarian daily, Magyar Jovo, published in NYCity, has attacked the Council.

Rear Admiral ELLERY W STONE is chairman of the Council's drive which has the support of BERNARD BARUCH, AFL President WM GREEN, JAMES B CAREY of the CIO, PAUL G HOFFMAN and other prominent Americans.

COUNTERATTACK notes that NORMAN CORWIN, ALBERT EINSTEIN, THOMAS MANN, and CAREY McWILLIAMS who have front records, are no longer Council sponsors ...having been replaced by Rev RAYMOND FOSDICK, Gov ADLEI STEVENSON, FRANK GOLDMAN, pres of B'nai B'rith, and MARY McCLEOD BETHUNE.

Letters from America were an important factor in Italian elections of 1948. They did much to prevent a Communist victory. Today they can be equally effective. Do what you can to insure success of the campaign. Bring it to attention of groups in your community. If you can do more, you can reach the Council at 20 West 40th Street, NYCity.

Yours Faithfully,

January 12, 1951

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Behind Truman Plea To Restore Trade Act

Most G. O. P. Members Of Committee Ready To Do Battle on Issue

By the Associated Press

House Democrats lined up in force today behind a move to restore the reciprocal trade law as requested by President Truman.

The House Ways and Means Committee, which opened hearings yesterday, received a letter from Mr. Truman calling for prompt repeal of the "hampering restrictions" pushed through Congress by the Republicans last year.

At least one Republican lawmaker said he will go along on a move to restore to the President the full power to cut tariffs on goods imported from those nations which agree to do the same for American imports.

The 1948 revisions which Mr. Truman wants repealed required him to explain to Congress if he lowered a tariff against the advice of the Federal Tariff Commission.

Democrats Unanimous.

Representative Mills, Democrat, of Arkansas, a committee member, told reporters Democrats appear virtually unanimous in supporting the President on the issue.

But while Representative Kean of New Jersey, a Republican member, said he also expects to support the bill, most committee Republicans apparently were ready to do battle on the tariff issue which has been a raditional subject of dispute between the two parties.

Administration witnesses who suggested yesterday that friendly trade relations would contribute to peace drew a Republican retort that this did not keep America out of the last war.

At that point, Chairman Doughton commented that America has never fought any country with which it had a reciprocal trade agreement.

Alger Hiss Mentioned.

Representative Reed of New York senior Ways and Means Republican drew the name of Alger Hiss into the trade hearing, seeking to link the former State Department officer with Administration foreign trade policy. Mr. Hiss is under indictment on a perjury charge in connection with recent spy investigations, but has denied all accusations that he passed secret Government papers on to Soviet espionage agents.

Assistant Secretary of State Willard L. Thorp told Mr. Reed his questions about Mr. Hiss and trade policy were "irrelevant." He said Mr. Hiss left the State Department before the Geneva Trade Conference in 1947.

long the witnesses called to ort the reciprocal trade princi- oday were Charles P. Taft of the F al Council of the Churches of Ch. in America, a brothere of Senator Taft, Republican, of Ohio, and William L. Clayton of Texas, former Secretary of State.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer indorsed the "general purpose" of the legislation at a committee hearing yesterday.

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Letter No. 140
January 27, 1950

Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNISTS AND APPEASERS START CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT HISS VERDICT. They're misrepresenting facts about the trial in an effort to whitewash Hiss.

The Communist Party cries out that "the Hiss trial was rigged by men who want to outlaw the peace movement in our America". This refers to the fake "peace" movement which Moscow has created to sabotage U S defense.

The CP (Communist Party) links the Hiss verdict to recent convic~~tion of 11 of its leaders for plotting against the Govt. It declares: "Ta~~king off from the Foley Square frame-up," (meaning the conviction of the 11 party leaders) "the 'inevitable war' mob in Washington will see in the Hiss verdict the opportunity to press the outlawing of the Communist Party."

And the Progressive or Commugressive Party's unofficial national newspaper, the Compass, has begun a campaign of violent denunciation of the Hiss verdict, the House Un-American Activities Committee, and the FBI.

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt has made a queer statement in defense of her friend Alger Hiss, who used to be a White House visitor. She says Alger Hiss may be guilty of perjury but not of espionage.

At first glance this doesn't seem to make any sense, because Hiss was convicted of perjuring himself in DENYING espionage.

But was Mrs Roosevelt making a veiled allusion to something else... to a story spread around by money-raisers for the Alger Hiss defense?

Large sums have been collected, especially from Hiss' fellow alumni of Harvard Law School. And the story told by the money-raisers is that Hiss has confidentially admitted he perjured himself but has said he did it to protect somebody else, who really typed the State Dept documents.

Is Mrs Roosevelt trying to spread that wild yarn? If she is, let her come out and say so. At any rate her statement needs explaining.

The reason for the jury verdict is simple.

Hiss had no case. That's all. He changed his stories of the same events repeatedly. He kept revising, revising, revising.

Newspaper readers couldn't see it, because no newspaper could devote a full page or two every day to the intricate details of the trial.

But the jury could see it. On one important point after another, the jury learned that Hiss had continually changed his stories. And all his stories were smashed not only by Whittaker Chambers' version and Chambers' documents but by many other witnesses and documents dug up by FBI.

A crushing analysis of Hiss' many stories has been made by one of his fellow trustees of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

This is former U S Solicitor General William Marshall Bullitt, a lawyer of wide experience. (He's a cousin of Ex-Ambassador Wm C Bullitt.)

Wm Marshall Bullitt says Hiss deceived Chairman John Foster Dulles of the Carnegie Endowment, as well as the other trustees. Bullitt proves

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NEW COMMUNIST-RUN NAT'L UNION IS IN THE MAKING. Founding convention of Union of Distributive Workers will be held in NY on Feb 4-5.

Party-line locals seceded from Retail, Wholesale & Dept Store Union, CIO, in fall of 1948 and formed the Distributive Trades Council. Now they are converting it into a national union.

At first they'll concentrate on NYCity. Later they'll organize big department stores, retail chains, and warehouses in other cities, including Philadelphia, Chicago, Minneapolis & St Paul, San Francisco, etc.

Arthur Osman, identified as delegate to Communist Party Convention in 1945, will be president of the new union. Other key positions will go to Wm Michelson, David Livingston, and Nicholas Carnes, who have all been identified as Communist Party members.

COMMUNIST PARTY URGES ONE-DAY STOPPAGE IN ALL BIG INDUSTRIES TO ENCOURAGE MINERS' UNION. The CP is adopting a super-militant pose to egg the miners on and to spread the coal strike. It hopes to build its strength in United Mine Workers and other unions on basis of its militancy. And it wants to cause many strikes, so as to cut U S production during cold war.

CP's demand for one-day stoppage was quickly echoed by Communists in unions. Among first responses were those from Westinghouse local of United Electrical Workers in East Pittsburgh, and Fisher Body local of CIO Auto union in Cleveland. Both these party-line locals urged a one-day stoppage.

Communist Party has also issued a four-point program on coal strike:

1. Support from all unions to John L Lewis' union.
2. Protests to Truman against use of courts and Taft-Hartley procedure against United Mine Workers.
3. Insistence that Wm Green & Philip Murray and other labor leaders support the miners' strike, despite all differences with Lewis.
4. Prompt, aggressive action by all "progressive trade unions and organizations" (party-line unions & Communist fronts) to help the miners.

This program was announced by Steve Nelson, CP organizer of Western Penna. Nelson was born in Yugoslavia and entered U S on false passport under name Joseph Fleischinger. Later the Govt forgave this sin because he seemed to be behaving himself. Still later he attended Lenin School, Moscow, under name Louis Evans, traveling on a fraudulently obtained passport.

Afterwards Steve Nelson was a Comintern agent in China. He was a Lt Col in Communist-run International Brigade in Spanish Civil War, after going to Spain on a U S passport under name Joseph Fleischinger...the same name he had falsely used in coming to U S originally.

And he helped steal atomic secrets in U S during Second World War, according to report of House Un-American Activities Committee. Witnesses testified that Steve Nelson guided Communist infiltration of University of Calif radiation laboratory at Berkeley...and atomic security officers reported that he received documents from Dr Joseph W Weinberg ("Scientist X") and turned them over to Peter Ivanov, Soviet Vice-Consul at San Francisco.

Now Steve Nelson is the Communist leader in the great Western Penna industrial & mining district, and is maneuvering among the coal miners.

COMMUNISTS IN LARGEST FORD PLANT SING "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR STALIN". Communist Party says pictures of Stalin were hung on bulletin boards in Motor Bldg at Ford River Rouge plant on his birthday...one large picture hung all day on time clock in one department. And that wasn't all:

"Shortly before lunch a worker invited one of the union leaders to eat his lunch with a group of men near their machines. When they were all assembled in a semi-circle, all heads came together and a song started. There between the machines in Ford's Rouge plant they sang 'Happy Birthday, Dear Stalin, Happy Birthday to you.'"

AND THE COMMUNIST ISSUE HIT FORD in another way last week-end...in connection with one of its television programs.

"Toast of the Town" is sponsored by Ford's Lincoln-Mercury Dealers on CBS-TV every Sunday night. Ed Sullivan, newspaper columnist, is master of ceremonies. On Jan 22 he had Paul Draper, dancer, as a star of the show. Draper has supported Communist fronts. His mother is Muriel Draper, Communist and Pres of leading Communist front, Congress of American Women.

Draper and Larry Adler, harmonica player, are suing Mrs John T McCullough of Greenwich, Conn, for $200,000 libel because she protested their appearance in a concert there. Her case has won wide sympathy.

After Draper danced, the spotlight was turned on Mr & Mrs Benson Ford, who were introduced from the studio audience. Benson Ford is president of Lincoln-Mercury Division of Ford Motors.

Protests at once poured in to CBS and Ed Sullivan from TV audience, many from Counterattack subscribers. Sullivan at first stood pat.

But soon Sullivan yielded to the flood of protests. He wrote to Kenyon & Eckhardt, ad agency in charge of the program, saying the agency and the sponsor had allowed him a free hand in picking the talent, and he was sorry that some people had been "offended by the performance...of a performer whose political beliefs are a matter of public controversy."

But the matter at issue isn't beliefs...it's ACTIONS. People who object to Paul Draper aren't worried about the thoughts inside his head. They complain about the things he has DONE to assist Communist fronts.

Ford is eliminating the Draper part of the program from the rebroadcast of "Toast of the Town" Sunday night, Jan 29, in seven cities... Los Angeles, Kansas City, St Louis, Louisville, Miami, Atlanta, Schenectady.

COMMUNIST PARTY WILL HOLD LENIN RALLY IN CITY-OWNED HALL. On Feb 3 Communist Party of Wisconsin will hold "Lenin-Lincoln" rally to commemorate 26th anniversary of Lenin's death (Jan 21). The name of Lincoln (born Feb 12) is joined to Lenin's as camouflage. A typical Communist trick.

Meeting will be held in one of the halls of Milwaukee Auditorium, which is jointly owned by city of Milwaukee and a private corporation. Protests against the use of city property by Communists were made to W C Maas, manager of Milwaukee Auditorium, who reportedly answered by saying it's illegal to discriminate against ANY group in renting the auditorium. This is the usual excuse rattled off in such circumstances.

WHAT TO DO: Write to Mayor Frank P Zeidler of Milwaukee. Ask him if he, as mayor, would tolerate use of city-owned hall by Ku Klux Klan or by a Nazi party. Tell him the city of Milwaukee should bar use of its property by such organizations or by Communist Party.

Yours faithfully,

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FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Letter No. 342
February 10, 1950

Dear Subscriber:

HYDROGEN BOMB IS A "BOGEY OF WALL STREET" SAYS MOSCOW. This statement was broadcast as a deliberate lie. Stalin Russia knew U S could make hydrogen bomb, but called it "a myth...a fairy tale" for propaganda purposes.

But arrest of Dr Klaus Fuchs, one of top British atom scientists, who has made a complete confession that he gave Soviet agents atom and hydrogen bomb information, gave considerable basis in fact to Moscow's statement. Fuchs, while in U S, had access to top secret information concerning the atom bomb...and to an unpublished amount of information on hydrogen bomb.

Fuchs' espionage activity...and success of Canadian spy ring...made U S atom bomb nothing but a "bogey" to Communist Russia. And maybe hydrogen bomb, too, is little more than that now. U S would never start offensive war with H-Bomb. Russia will wait until she has it. Meanwhile, value to U S of H-bomb as a deterrent to Soviet aggression is lost.

And Russia may be ahead of U S in H-bomb development already. Prof Harrison Brown, atomic scientist of Univ of Chicago, said last week (before it was announced that Fuchs was a Soviet spy) that if Russians had decided to go ahead on H-bomb development "they were probably ahead of" U S now, because new developments in U S are so much slower than they were during war.

AND STALIN RUSSIA IS ON THE OFFENSIVE EVERYWHERE. In Germany the Russians are using semi-blockade tactics. There is talk of starting airlift again as countermeasure. This will weaken U S economy. Last airlift cost U S over ½ billion dollars...and Russia is stronger in Berlin today than when airlift was started.

A Communist plot to overthrow govt's of Boliva and Chile has been uncovered. Plot was backed by Cominform. Communist leaders from Brazil, Peru and Chile went to Bolivia to direct the planned uprising.

The Peking (Communist) radio called for revolt this week. In broadcast to Southeast Asia, Kuo Mo-jo called on the youth of that area to rise and overthrow their govts as a contribution to "lasting world peace."

"We have an underground, and we know exactly what is happening twenty-four hours a day," Vittorio Vidali told a U S correspondent in CP hq in Trieste. Vidali is reputedly Stalin's top assassin. He is credited with masterminding the death of Leon Trotsky in Mexico in 1940, the murder of Carlo Tresca, anti-Stalin leftist, in NYCity in 1943...and with many other political murders. Soviet Russia gave him right of asylum when he was deported from U S in 1928. He went to Moscow and attended Comintern's school for political sabotage. Later he went to Mexico where he was in charge of planning int'l underground brigade to fight U S in case of war with Russia.

And now Vidali says that Stalin knows exactly what is going on in Yugoslavia 24 hrs a day...and that "Tito's regime must go!"

All these facts prove that Soviet espionage activity is greater

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than it has ever been before. Stalin's int'l spy ring has always been very effective. As a result he has been successful in nearly all the aggressive moves he has taken since U S recognized Communist Russia in 1933.

Vidali's statement is a hint of the extent of espionage now going on in U S. No other country is a force for Stalin to cope with – his main spy effort must be concentrated here...and it must involve all phases of U S defense...not just A-bomb & H-bomb developments.

It was the FBI which disclosed the spy activities of Dr Klaus Fuchs. At time of Canadian atomic espionage disclosure Sec of State Byrnes said there had been no U S atom bomb leaks...that U S had exclusive knowledge of A-bomb manufacture. FBI findings have disproved this & other misleading statements made by Administration officials during past few years, which have lulled Americans into false sense of security.

It was FBI, too, that developed information leading to arrest of Judith Coplon & Valentin Gubitchev. It knew of espionage activities of Alger Hiss but, being a purely investigative body, could not prosecute him. When Hiss was finally indicted for perjury, FBI successfully followed a 10 year old trail and turned up information that led to his conviction. Now J Edgar Hoover says that job of protecting U S from spies is greater than during second World War. He has asked for 677 more staff members and an increased appropriation to run FBI during coming year. FBI is the only agency with power to investigate civilian espionage in U S.

BUT NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD WANTS TO DESTROY POWER OF FBI. The Guild has come out with a new demand to cripple the only agency which can effectively fight espionage in U S. It also wants to arouse public opinion against J Edgar Hoover, FBI director, and if possible have him fired.

Earl Browder identified the Guild as a "transmission belt" of Communist Party as early as 1939. And Louis Budenz, former editor of Daily Worker, CP national newspaper, has stated "Most of the labor lawyers who work with and for the Communists are members of the National Lawyers Guild."

Six of the defense attorneys for the eleven convicted CP leaders were members of the National Lawyers Guild. Abraham Pomerantz, now defending Valentin Gubitchev, is a Guild member. So, too, is Carol King, who defended Hans & Gerhart Eisler.

Lee Pressman & Nathan Witt, Guild members, were named by Whittaker Chambers & Elizabeth Bentley as members of Washington espionage ring.

Guild joined Stalin's Int'l legal front, the Int'l Assn of Democratic Lawyers when it was set up in Paris in 1946. Martin Popper, now a V P of the Guild, attended founding convention and was elected exec secretary. Robt W Kenny, former Guild Pres, was elected a V P. At the 1948 convention of IADL in Prague, Popper urged that "observers" be sent to trial of 12 CP leaders in U S to "report to the world" the evils of their persecution. When the delegation arrived in U S in 1949 Popper went to UN with it to lodge formal protest against U S. It was claimed that by prosecuting the Communist leaders U S was violating the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

The Guild has fought many U S defense and security measures. It has opposed efforts to tighten up anti-espionage laws; fought non-Communist affidavits of Taft-Hartley law, the Mundt-Nixon bill, the loyalty oath; filed a brief in support of Gerhart Eisler, claiming Un-American Activities Committee was unconstitutional; opposed peace-time military training, & listing of organizations as subversive by the U S Atty Genl.

Communist Party has been gunning for the FBI for many years. Now it has gotten one of its fronts (with a cloak of legal respectability) to demand that the Bureau be investigated. The CP rejoices in the Guild's claim that the FBI commits more crimes than it detects, that it "violates our laws, infringes our liberties and threatens our democracy."

This conspiracy to weaken the internal security of U S by the Guild and the CP at a time of greatly intensified Communist spy efforts should be exposed. Tell your local papers what is taking place and ask them to help. Urge that J Edgar Hoover's requests for more funds & personnel be granted.

And write to Atty Gen'l J Howard McGrath, asking him why Nat'l Lawyers Guild is not on his list of fronts.

POTENTIAL SPY ADMITTED TO U S TO ATTEND UN SESSION. Bronislaw Konstantine Gebert (also known as Boleslaw, Bill & William Gebert) is back in the U S to use the UN Economic & Social Council for anti-U S propaganda. Gebert was charter member of American CP, a member of its Central Executive Committee (now known as Natl Committee) and head of the CP's Polish federation in the U S. He was one of founders of the Moscow-directed American Slav Congress...also head of the Polonia Society (Polish section) of the International Workers Order (Counterattack Jan 6, pp 1 & 2).

Gebert was arrested and held for deportation by U S in 1933. But he was never deported. In 1947, without permission or knowledge of State Dept, he left U S for Poland on the Gydnia-America liner Batory...the same ship on which Gerhart Eisler fled U S as a "stowaway".

Speaking before closed CP meetings in 1932 Gebert stressed necessity of building "an iron wall of defense around the Soviet Union", of knowing "just exactly" where our war industries were located, from what places ammunition would be shipped from U S, and urged penetration of U S armed forces.

"You are our great support. You gave us information of great importance", the Communist Govt of Poland told Gebert when it decorated him in Washington, D C. Before he left U S the home office of the Polish Embassy had recommended him to its American branch as a reliable contact.

Stalin's World Federation of Trade Unions got Gebert into the U S this time. Gebert is sec'y of the Central Committee of Polish Trade-Unions and also a sec'y of Moscow's WFTU, which is one of the nine non-governmental organizations having consultative status with UN. American agreement with UN forces it to grant entry to accredited representatives of these organizations...even if U S knows they are probably espionage agents.

IT WAS A RED LETTER WEEK IN RADIO. These were the highlights.

Edward G Robinson starred in the Screen Directors Playhouse production of "The Sea Wolf" on the NBC network, Feb 3 at 9:00 P M. This program is sponsored by RCA Victor.

Robinson was a "sacred cow" to the Communists, according to the testimony of a former CP official. As a Daily Worker staff member this official was told by V J Jerome, one of the CP's cultural commissars, "to always defend Robinson, even if he was in a bad picture, with a bad performance."

Here are SOME Communist fronts Edward G Robinson has supported.

American Youth for Democracy (successor to Young Communist League)... Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences & Professions, and its successor, Progressive Citizens of America (exec bd member)...Committee for A Democratic Far Eastern Policy (which is now rejoicing because Communists have taken over China)...Nat'l Council of American-Soviet Friendship...American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born...Stop Censorship Committee.

sented over NBC-TV, Feb 5, by the Philco Television Playhouse.

She has attended Communist study groups, met with Communist leaders, and loaned her home and car for CP purposes, according to testimony given before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. She is a V P of Congress of American Women, whose officers were recently ordered to register as foreign agents by Dept of Justice, and has supported other fronts.

And a play written by Norman Corwin will be presented on Feb 12, by the same sponsor, Philco Radio Corp. Corwin is one of the leading supporters of Communist fronts in the U S. According to Counterattack's files he has given his sponsorship or support to over 30 front organizations. When Corwin was appointed to the Radio Division of the UN Information Dept last year Sen Pat McCarran (D-Nev) described him as a "typical example" of men who went to int'l posts "directly from fields of subversive activity".

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HELPS COMMUNIST FRONT SUPPORTERS. In its laudable efforts to help prevent or cure cancer the Society has recorded a series of thirteen 15-minute dramas entitled "For the Living". This series is available free of charge to radio stations for broadcast purposes.

Edward G Robinson (see above) is narrator of all 13 transcriptions.

And there are other front supporters such as Anne Revere (a descendent of Paul Revere) and Sam Jaffe, who have parts in these dramas.

Anne Revere signed statement denouncing the indictment of the 12 CP leaders. She has supported Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences & Professions...Committee of One Thousand...Nat'l Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions...Civil Rights Congress...Committee for the First Amendment... and recently signed brief in defense of the Hollywood Ten.

Sam Jaffe was once the victim of a Communist twist. In 1939 he signed an open letter calling for closer cooperation between the U S and Stalin Russia "for the defeat of fascism". A few days later Stalin signed his pact with Hitler. Still Jaffe has supported Communist fronts such as American League for Peace & Democracy...Artists Front to Win the War...Reichstag Fire Trial Anniversary Committee...American Committee for Yugoslav Relief ...Nat'l Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions...School of Jewish Studies, etc.

It would be foolish to injure the fight against cancer in any way. There is no point in suppressing the Cancer Society's series. But you should write to the Society at 47 Beaver Street, NYC, & tell them that you strongly oppose the favorable publicity given these Communist front supporters by their participation in the series.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE OTHER PROGRAMS...those which featured Edward G Robinson, Sam Jaffe, and Norman Corwin's play. Write letters to:

Frank M Folsom, pres of RCA, 30 Rockefeeler Plaza, NYC.

William Balderston, pres of Philco Radio Corp, Tioga and C Streets, Phila, Pa.

Tell them there are many talented artists available who have clean records as far as affiliation with Communist front organizations is concerned. Ask them if it wouldn't be better to give these people feature spots on their big-paying radio programs.

Yours faithfully,

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Letter No. 144
February 24, 1950

Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) STEPS UP DRIVE TO AID MINERS. CP wants desperately to impress John L Lewis and striking miners with its strength and its "solidarity" with labor. Its Nat'l Committee has made two appeals for support to miners. The Daily Worker, CP national newspaper, editorializes again & again on the subject...and so do its columnists.

And it gets results. Harry Bridges' Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union in San Francisco wires Pres Truman not to use Taft-Hartley injunction. Ben Gold, CP member & Pres of Fur & Leather Workers, calls for general labor stoppage to protest injunction against miners. Locals of Communist-controlled United Electrical Workers (ousted from CIO) in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Bridgeport, Conn, appropriate funds and collect food, money and clothing to be sent to the striking miners.

They are joined by United Public Workers (also ousted from CIO) in Louisville, Ky, the Int'l Workers Order & new youth front/Labor Youth League, in Youngstown, Ohio. "Progressive" Party makes appeal for all members to bring food for miners to Nat'l Convention mass meeting in Chicago, Feb 24.

The Daily Worker office in NYCity has turned its basement into a warehouse where food, medicine & clothing is stored until it can be shipped to the mine fields in trucks...accompanied by Communist propagandists.

John L Lewis was approached last year by two CP-controlled unions which have since been expelled from CIO. They asked for a charter from United Mine Workers or its District 50, the "catch-all" section of the UMW for non-related industries. Lewis turned down the request...but offered to let them join any Local of UMW's District 50. This offer wasn't accepted... it would not give the Communist-line unions enough independence.

There are several reasons for CP's support of miners.

1. It is wooing John L Lewis and all labor. Maybe it can soften the growing anti-CP stand of organized labor. Perhaps it can win Lewis over to a more conciliatory frame of mind so that unions expelled from CIO will be given a UMW or Dist 50 charter of their own.
2. It wants to weaken and disrupt U S economy as much as possible, and encourage labor enmity toward Government and management.
3. This is part of the CP fight against Taft-Hartley Law. Govt use of Taft-Hartley Act against Mine Workers has provided greatest opportunity for intensified anti-Taft-Hartley campaign.
4. CP always poses as the true friend of the workingman & organized labor. Mine walkout gives it an excellent opportunity to press this hypocritical stand for its full propaganda value.

LET'S DEFEAT THE CP ON THIS QUESTION. On Feb 20 the Senate Judiciary Committee began hearings on the Mundt-Ferguson-Johnston bill. This bill would require registration of all CP members in U S. It was first

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drafted by Rep Rich M Nixon in 1948. It passed the House, but did not get out of Committee in the Senate. Since then some revisions have been made in it to remove features that were questioned on constitutional grounds.

CP has called for a mass protest against the bill. Party members and fellow travelers will deluge Sen Pat McCarran, Chrmn of Senate Judiciary Committee, and all U S Senators with telegrams & letters in a final effort to kill the bill.

The call for protests was made in the CP press by Marion Bachrach. She is public relations director of CP...and sister of John Abt. Abt was named by Whittaker Chambers as member of govt espionage ring in Washington. He married the widow of Harold Ware, who originally organized the Communist cells in govt offices in Washington.

Marion Bachrach testified before Un-American Activities Committee in Hiss-Chambers hearings. But her testimony was typical of that given before Congressional Committees by all Communists...it was negative. She refused to tell whether or not she knew Alger Hiss, whether she had lived in Washington, or had seen a typewriter in the Hiss home there.

Now Marion Bachrach says that the Mundt-Ferguson-Johnston bill must be killed. She is afraid that if it passes Senate Judiciary Committee it will be "difficult to defeat" on the Senate floor, and "almost impossible to stop" in the House.

That's your cue. The CP has ORGANIZATION. It has been using it to great advantage in fighting all measures that will weaken its power. Here's a test for those who are for and those who are against. Don't let the Communists score another victory.

Write to your Senator & Senator Pat McCarran, Chrmn of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Tell them to approve Mundt-Ferguson-Johnston bill to help fight against Stalin's U S agents...and let them know, too, of the pressure campaign the CP is conducting against the bill.

PAUL DRAPER INCIDENT DID NOT PLEASE CP. The "Party" doesn't like it when front supporters lose their effectiveness. Spontaneous protest a few weeks ago against appearance of Paul Draper on "Toast of the Town" TV program was an indication that the public is changing its way of thinking. The incident couldn't have happened a few years ago...nothing would have been said or done then in protest against his part in the show.

But the fight is far from won. There's still a lot of confused reasoning about the CP...and about Communists or front supporters being featured on radio & TV programs, in moving pictures and plays.

"You should laugh at the Communists," some people say, "you help them if you treat them seriously." Others can't see that it matters if Communists or fellow travelers write scripts that are non-political in nature.

Communism is a "trivial matter"...you are "encroaching on civil liberties" if you deny a Communist a featured entertainment spot. These are a few of the arguments you hear AGAINST doing anything to stop the Communist conspiracy...and they are all fallacious.

Here are some things that should be considered when you are deciding what steps YOU can take to help fight Communism:

1. Eleven leaders of the CP were recently convicted of conspiracy against the U S Govt. A Communist front...by its very name...is an agent of that conspiracy. And EVERY Communist front member or sponsor is, by that very act, a supporter of the CP's plot against the U S.

This statement isn't far-fetched...it's starkly true. During past decade tens of millions of dollars have been raised by Communist fronts to strengthen CP in this country and help spread Stalin's dictatorship abroad. Billions of words in propaganda have been spread by these fronts for the same purpose. Here are two examples:

International Workers Order, Communist "insurance" front, frequently buys large ads in CP national newspaper, the Daily Worker...in effect subsidizing it. And it made direct contribution of $4000 to the defense of the 11 convicted CP leaders.

A relatively new Communist front, the China Welfare Appeal, Inc (established in 1949) is now collecting a "Friendship Cargo for China". Thousands of dollars worth of materials of all kinds have been collected. The "cargo" will be shipped to Communist China to strengthen regime of Mao Tse-tung who has just sold out his people to Stalin.

2. Giving feature spots in radio, TV and moving pictures to Communists and fellow travelers increases their ability to weaken U S. It gives them added prestige...so they can more easily sell fronts to gullible innocents who are impressed by glamorous names.

More important, it gives them big money so they can make larger contributions to Communist causes. Fellow-travelling "celebrities" are expected to make big donations...they know it, accept it, and DO it. It's the price they pay for the cheap publicity and acclaim they get from the CP.

And it gives them more power in their field. It enables them to help other CP members and party-liners gain prominence & influence...and gives them a club to hold over those who are anti-Communist.

3. Communists will never give an anti-Communist a job. They help Communists and fellow travelers...no one else. Even when they want to buy insurance, books, radios or apples they go to one of the "proletariat".

Why should you give them a position of prominence? Is it fair to any non-Communist or anti-Communist who is out of work? Can you say that you are being LOYAL to your fellow citizens...and to the best interests of your Govt...when you knowingly hire a Communist or fellow traveler as long as there is anyone else who can fill the job?

4. Would you give a job to a traitor? Giving a Communist or front supporter an important role in any production is doing that. The term "cold war" is misleading...a euphemism. Stalin Russia is at war with U S politically, economically & ideologically...and there's nothing "cold" about it.

U S and Stalin Russia came to blows in Greece. Albanians and Greek Communists fired the guns for Russia, and Greek people fired guns for U S. That's the reality...that was war.

And modern war is TOTAL war. Every citizen is in it...he doesn't have to wear a uniform. In actual warfare a member of U S armed forces who gave ammunition to the enemy would be tried for treason, and shot or hanged if found guilty.

And that's just what the Communists and fellow-travelers are doing. They are giving CP and Stalin Russia ammunition in form of money and propaganda...to help them fight a very real economic, political and propaganda war against U S.

Should you laugh at people who do that? Is it a "trivial matter"? Or are you "encroaching on their civil liberties" when you try to reduce their power by refusing to give them any chance for publicity?

And what attitude are large U S organizations taking toward Communists, fellow travelers and front supporters?

When the Liberal Americans for Democratic Action was founded in 1947 it formally rejected "any association with Communists or sympathizers with Communism" because they were "hostile to the principles of freedom and democracy".

The CIO, which has millions of members and is considered the farthest to the "left" of all major U S labor organizations, decided at its 1949 convention to oust 11 unions controlled by Communists.

Think these things over. Then decide for yourself what you can and SHOULD do to break power of CP and its supporters.

PHILHARMONIC SYMPHONY SOCIETY BOOSTS ANOTHER COMMUNIST FRONT SUPPORTER. An important event to music-lovers all over U S is weekly Sunday afternoon concert of NY Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra over CBS network. Communist front supporters such as Norman Corwin, Ray Lev and Jose Ferrer have been featured on this program in the past.

Leonard Bernstein conducted NY Philharmonic Symphony on Feb 19 program...and is to conduct the Feb 26 broadcast, which will feature his new symphonic work, "Age of Anxiety". Bernstein is an accomplished conductor of symphony music...and an accomplished advocate of Communist causes. He has conducted Philharmonic Symphony on other occasions.

Bernstein was a sponsor of the Waldorf "Peace" Conference held in NY last March to boost Stalin's major propaganda line. He cabled greetings to Dmitri Shostakovich, Russian composer, before Shostakovich left Russia to attend conference. Fact that Shostakovich has debased his talent by producing musical paeans to Stalin's "accomplishments" did not deter Bernstein.

When convicted CP leader, Ben Davis, ran for re-election to NY City Council in 1945 he was supported by Bernstein...who has also supported the Civil Rights Congress, which provided bail for Davis & other CP leaders following their conviction for conspiracy. Some other fronts Bernstein has supported: Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, etc.

Philharmonic Symphony Society broadcast is a "prestige program". CBS pays the Orchestra for the concert...and wins acclaim for itself as patron of arts and public benefactor. William S Paley, Chrmn of Bd of CBS is also a member of the Bd of Directors of the Philharmonic Symphony Society.

WHAT TO DO: Write letters to:

Chas Triller, Pres, Philharmonic Symphony Society, 113 West 57 St, NYC. Tell him that he and subscribers who support Philharmonic Symphony should be more interested in defeating supporters of CP conspiracy against U S than in listening to any particular conductor...no matter how good he is. Fact that Bernstein is an outstanding conductor does not excuse his supporting agencies which are helping Stalin in his war against U S.

Wm S Paley, Chrmn of Bd, Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Ave, NYCity. Tell him that he has a double responsibility in this case. As Bd of Directors' member of Symphony Society he should see that no Communists or front supporters are featured by the Symphony...and as head of CBS he should refuse to allow such artists to appear if Symphony Society persists in selecting them.

Yours faithfully,

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Letter No. 150
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Dear Subscriber:

LABOR STRIFE WILL BE IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF HARRY BRIDGES CONVICTION. On April 4 Harry Bridges was convicted of perjuring himself when he denied he was a Communist Party member in his 1945 naturalization hearings. Govt will now take steps to deport Bridges, but his attorneys have announced that they will appeal the verdict and have already made a motion for a new trial. Deportation proceedings will be delayed until final decision on his appeal is reached. ~~That will probably take a year or two.~~

Meanwhile Bridges will be free to help Stalin, to sabotage U S economy and undermine Marshall plan aid to Europe. The warning of what is to come was given by officers of Intl Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU), of which Bridges is Pres, after "guilty" verdict had been announced.

"It sounds an alarm that must be answered at once and vigorously by the members of our union and by all workers on land and sea everywhere", they said. And Vincent Hallinan, Bridges' attorney, in his defense summation on Mar 17 warned the jurors in the Bridges' trial that "this trial is being followed in every language in the world".

The inference is unmistakable. Last summer Stalin's World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) met in Marseilles, France. It formed a new maritime dept of the WFTU called the Intl Union (Federation or Conference) of Dockers and Seamen and elected Harry Bridges president. Bridges had been indicted for perjury by U S Govt three months earlier.

Stalin's new world-wide maritime federation took this into consideration and reminded U S Govt of the esteem in which it held Harry Bridges; it said it would take care of him, that he had nothing to fear:

"If the U S Atty General, Tom Clark, succeeds in his efforts to deport Harry Bridges, he (Bridges) will not be lost to maritime workers. There will be a place for him in the international organization of the maritime workers and in the labor movement of the respective countries."

There were several reasons why Bridges was made president of Stalin's new maritime federation. One was the fact that he had always been a faithful Communist and follower of Stalin, another that he was pres of ILWU which controls shipping on the U S West Coast and the final tactical consideration was Bridges' coming trial.

Moscow planned carefully. Preparations were already under way to disrupt shipment of arms from U S to Atlantic Union countries in Europe. Strikes would have to be called and, as Counterattack has already pointed out (see Letter #149 pp 2 & 3, Mar 31), Bridges' conviction could be used as an excuse to call a strike in U S that would coincide with Stalin's sabotage efforts in European ports. Bridges himself, at end of 1947, threatened strikes to disrupt U S Marshall Plan aid. Embittered by his conviction and pending deportation he won't hesitate to act now.

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WFTU has already demonstrated its power to tie up world shipping. When Communist-led Canadian Seamen's Union, a small union of only 10,000 members, lost a jurisdictional battle to the AFL Seafarers Intl Union (anti-CP) in 1949, it called for sympathy strikes. Communist unions affiliated with the WFTU answered by tying up the port of London...and ports in Scotland, Norway, Holland, Italy, Australia and other countries.

Now the convicted perjurer and Communist, Harry Bridges, will probably call his ILWU out on strike in protest against his conviction and over the issue of the outlawing of the hiring hall. There are indications, too, that the WFTU's maritime division will take up the call in support of their leader, that another world-wide shipping tie-up may be attempted. The excuse will be Bridges, the real purpose will be to weaken all democracies opposing Stalin's aggression.

Louis Saillant, Communist Secy of the WFTU, declared at Marseilles last summer that "On all the oceans, in all the ports of the world, 750,000 seamen and dockers are henceforth fighters for peace". These are the men who are ready to answer Bridges' call.

There will be bloodshed and violence on docks of Europe if this happens. Loyal American seamen are cooperating with State Dept and Dept of Defense to get U S arms landed in France and Italy. They have formed fighting brigades and have coordinated their plans with those of the anti-Communist French and Italian maritime workers. Sailings of ships carrying arms to Europe were held up by U S to allow time for the completion of these plans.

American seamen are prepared to use force if necessary to deliver aid to our European allies...and it looks now as though force will be needed.

The tragedy is that all this could have been prevented. Bridges should have been deported years ago. He is still in U S and capable of doing so much harm only because of the go-soft-with-the-Commies attitude that prevailed in Washington for so many years.

Federal Judge Chas B Sears recommended Bridges' deportation in 1941. But a packed Supreme Court, by a vote of 5-3, overruled Judge Sears. And Frances Perkins, Sec of Labor, defended Bridges. She said he was innocent, that stool pigeons had testified against him.

Bridges himself made the most telling comment on the whole affair. Referring indirectly to the majority Supreme Court decision written by the late Justice Frank Murphy in 1945 ("the Bridges case will stand forever as monument of man's intolerance to man") a bystander reminded Bridges that the Supreme Court had rescued him the last ime. Bridges replied, "Well, there's no Murphy now".

THE ATTACK ON "SEEDS OF TREASON" HAS BEGUN. Last week Counterattack favorably mentioned the book "Seeds of Treason", the first detailed account of the Hiss-Chambers espionage case. Biased attacks on this book were expected from the Communist press...but not from the New York Times.

The Times review was written by John Desmond, who claimed the book was a "quickie job", vaguely hinted (but didn't show) that it had "an element of irresponsibility", that it was written on a questionable basic assumption and that it was "a ride to literary notoriety on Whittaker Chambers' shirttails". Desmond's review was a clever piece of damning by subtle insinuations without presenting any facts to justify his criticisms.

The "basic assumption" questioned by Desmond is that the men mentioned by Whittaker Chambers were actually connected with the Communist underground. Desmond doesn't deny that they were...but he says he is not in a position to know if it's true and, as far as he can find out, the authors of "Seeds of Treason" don't know either.

But when Lee Pressman, John Abt, Nathan Witt and other persons named as members of the espionage ring by Chambers were subpoenaed to appear before Un-American Activities Committee they refused to deny Chambers' charges and refused to deny that they were CP members. Doesn't Desmond know this? And isn't he aware of all the corroborating evidence that backs up Chambers' charges?

His "quickie" charges are completely false. Several other books on the case (which he mentions, but doesn't say are quickies) are already in the hands of publishers, as he points out. The authors started work on "Seeds of Treason" two years ago. It is definitely not a "quickie".

Editor of Sunday Times is Lester Markel, who has had Alger Hiss as a guest in his home. Last week the Sunday Times favorably reviewed Owen Lattimore's book, "Pivot of Asia", and patted Mr Lattimore on the back.

And Times chose a picture called "The Face of Treason" to illustrate the page on which "Seeds of Treason" and the book, "Treason", by Nathaniel Weyl were reviewed. The artist whom the Times so honored...and paid for the use of his painting...is David Alfaro Siqueiros.

Siqueiros is an alleged GPU agent. Leon Trotsky, while he lived, was hated by Stalin and the CP more than any other man. After many unsuccessful attempts, Stalin's secret police finally killed Trotsky in Mexico in Aug 1940. Several months earlier, on May 24, Siqueiros led a band of Mexican Communists, disguised in uniforms they had stolen from the police, in an attack on the home of Trotsky in an attempt to murder him. An American, Robt Sheldon Harte, who served as chauffeur and helper to Trotsky, recognized one of the would-be assassins. Trotsky and several of his followers barricaded themselves in Trotsky's well-fortified home and the attackers were driven off...but they took the American, Robt Harte, with them.

Harte's body, buried in lime and with a bullet in the base of the brain, was found a month later by the Mexican police. Siqueiros and others in the attacking party were arrested. Siqueiros admitted he had led the raiders, but denied he had killed Harte. Before the case could be brought to trial he skipped Mexico and went to Chile and Cuba.

State Dept refused to allow Siqueiros to enter U S when he applied for a visa to attend Cultural and Scientific "Peace" Conference sponsored by Natl Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions in NY last March.

But Times Sunday Editor, Lester Markel, seems to believe Siqueiros' art should be publicized and that Siqueiros should be helped financially.

COMMUNISTS CAPITALIZE ON CONSTRUCTIVE WHITE HOUSE WORK. President Truman has called a Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth to discuss what is being done, and what needs to be done, for proper child care in U S. Conference will be held in Dec 1950, and should be supported by all American organizations honestly interested in child welfare.

Congress of American Women, leading Communist front for women in U S, has already started campaign to use this Conference to its own advantage. CAW is on Atty General's list of fronts and was an affiliate of Stalin's world-wide front, Women's Intl Democratic Federation, until a short time ago. Last year Dept of Justice ordered CAW officers to register as foreign agents. To avoid having to do this CAW disaffiliated from WIDF.

A "Bread and Butter" Conference on Child Care will be held at Hull House (one of most famous settlement houses in U S) in Chicago on April 15 and 16. Program for child care developed at this Conference will be submitted to White House Conference, according to claim of the sponsors of the Bread and Butter Conference. For propaganda purposes they have tied their conference into Pres Truman's Mid-Century Conference on Children and Youth.

"Bread and Butter Conference" will be a completely Communist undertaking. The program it submits to White House Conference will be the CP line on child welfare, subtly camouflaged in high-sounding phrases.

Helen Wortis, Secy of the "Bread and Butter" Conference, is chmn of the Commission on Child Care and Education of the Congress of American Women. In literature promoting the conference her address is given as 2 East 23 St, NYCity...the offices of the Congress of American Women.

Other leaders of Congress of American Women who are sponsoring Conference include Muriel Draper, CP member and Pres of CAW; Dr Gene Weltfish, anthropologist of Columbia University & Honorary Pres of CAW; Mrs Mary Jane Melish, wife of Rev Wm H Melish, ousted from his pulpit because of Communist activities; Mrs Ada B Jackson, a leader of NY's Communist-controlled American Labor Party; Mrs Edyth Lutzker, Pres, Child Care Center of the Parents Assn of New York, and Nora Stanton Barney, architect & delegate to second congress of Stalin's Women's Intl Democratic Federation in Budapest in 1948.

Hollywood and Broadway are represented by Gale Sondergaard and Uta Hagen, both of whom have supported many Communist fronts. Also Sadie Ornitz and Margaret Maltz, wives of Sam Ornitz and Albert Maltz, two of the "Hollywood Ten" (screenwriters). Copies of the CP membership cards of Ornitz and Maltz were produced during the Hollywood investigation.

Communist and pro-Communist labor officials who are sponsors include Jack Bigel and Frank Herbst of the United Public Workers, which was recently expelled from CIO; Rose Russell, legislative director of Communist-controlled Teachers Union, an affiliate of Public Workers; Joseph Selly, Pres of Amer Communications Assn, soon to be expelled from CIO; Bernard Segal and Winifred Norman of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, another of the CIO-expelled unions.

Communists have heavily infiltrated child care and welfare work, as is shown by list of sponsors of this conference from all parts of U S.

And Hull House in Chicago has loaned its facilities to fronts for meetings and conferences of various kinds in the past. These Communist organizations have been encouraged and helped by the tacit approval given them by one of the outstanding settlement houses in U S.

WHAT TO DO: Write to:

Russell W Ballard, Director, Hull House Assn, 800 South Halsted, Chicago 7, Ill. Ask him why the facilities of Hull House, which was constructed to help the underprivileged, should be turned over to persons classified a short while ago as agents of a foreign power by the Dept of Justice. Remind him that this "foreign power" has inflicted untold suffering on millions of underprivileged people.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Subscriber:

U S POLICY ADVISER NAMED AS SOVIET AGENT. The testimony of LOUIS BUDENZ, former editor of the Daily Worker, that OWEN LATTIMORE was a Russi agent shocked some people. But it did not shock those who had followed Lattimore's career closely.

Budenz's statement explains many things...Lattimore's writings on the Far East; his association with PHILIP JAFFE and FREDK VANDERBILT FIELD on the board of Amerasia magazine and in the Institute of Pacific Relations the pro-Communist propaganda in Amerasia and the IPR publication, "Pacific Affairs", which Lattimore edited; and the peculiar slant in the Lattimore-influenced "Pacific Story" broadcasts to American troops in World War II.

Budenz' testimony cannot be questioned on either factual or partisan grounds. Budenz spoke from first-hand information...as editor of the Communist Party (CP) official paper he had to know who the CP's friends, agents, etc, were, so that they would be properly treated by the CP press. Because of his position he knew secrets that other CP officials were not told

And Budenz has kept himself immune to charges of partisan politics He has adopted, and strictly adhered to, a policy of testifying only before authorized Govt investigative bodies. He had never met SEN McCARTHY, and h gave his testimony only after being subpoenaed by the Senate Committee.

Budenz's charge that Lattimore is a Soviet agent raises a number o questions that demand explanation by the State Dept.

Sec of State ACHESON has denied that Lattimore has had any voice i shaping U S policy. He based this statement on the fact that Lattimore was never officially a State Dept employe.

But what about Lattimore's unofficial connections with the State Dept and the State Dept's attitude toward Lattimore? Many men, such as HERBERT HOOVER and BERNARD BARUCH, have strongly influenced U S policy without being on the Govt payroll...and Lattimore, for years, has been considered by the Govt as an expert adviser on Far Eastern affairs.

Lattimore was chosen by PRES ROOSEVELT to serve as political adviser to CHIANG KAI-SHEK in 1941 and 1942.

Lattimore went to China in 1944 as an adviser to HENRY WALLACE. I this capacity he must have strongly influenced Wallace's China report. And this report has definitely helped shape U S policy on China.

Lattimore saw PRES TRUMAN shortly after the death of Pres Roosevel This meeting was arranged by then Asst Sec of State Dean Acheson. Shortly after the Truman-Lattimore meeting Under Secy of State JOSEPH C GREW, who advocated a strong anti-Communist policy in the Far East, resigned under pressure. He was replaced by Dean Acheson.

Lattimore was consulted by State Dept for his views on Far Eastern policy as recently as Oct 1949.

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Would Lattimore have received such important assignments without State Dept approval? Would State Dept consult him for his views if it did not consider them worthy of serious consideration? On whose advice did Acheson arrange the Truman-Lattimore meeeting if, as the Sec of State says, he doesn't think he has ever met Lattimore? Did ALGER HISS play a part in any of these incidents?

And what connection did Lattimore have with the Amerasia case? Both Lattimore and Field were on the editorial board of Amerasia magazine. Hundreds of stolen official documents were found in the Amerasia office.

Budenz's testimony has opened a wide field for investigation by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee. Partisan politics must be dropped. A thorough investigation must be made of all the links Budenz has provided in the Soviet espionage chain.

WHAT IS THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS? SEN McCARTHY, in the Washington fiasco generally referred to as an "investigation", has charged that the IPR is a Communist front.

This charge has been denied by WM L HOLLAND, IPR Secretary General. And three trustees of the Institute, in a letter sent to 100 U S newspapers last week, stated that "charges from any source that the IPR is or has been a Communist-front organization do not deserve serious consideration".

They claimed that IPR members and trustees "demand authority, competence and objectivity" in the Institute's publications and stated that the Institute deserves the "respect and confidence" of the public.

Let's look at the record and see how the IPR's activities during the past years, and at the present time, compare with the conflicting statements of Sen McCarthy, the Institute's trustees and Wm L Holland.

FREDK V FIELD, Communist and alleged Soviet agent, at a secret meeting of top officials and Comintern agents in 1937, emphasized the use of IPR publications to spread the new CP doctrine that Chinese Communists were merely "agrarian reformers". Field was for many years a member of IPR's executive board and later became Secy of its American Council.

Leading Communist front on Far Eastern affairs, the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy (which is on Atty General's list), was founded largely by IPR members and officials. Many of its officers and consultants are, or were, IPR members.

Persons named as Soviet spies as well as Communists, have used IPR publications to spread their Stalin-directed line on the Far East. AGNES SMEDLEY and GUNTHER STEIN, named as Soviet spies by U S Army, wrote for the IPR. PHILIP JAFFEE, KATE MITCHELL and ANDREW ROTH, all arrested in the Amerasia stolen documents case, were writers for the IPR. So, too, were IRA GOLLOBIN, FREDK V FIELD, CAREY McWILLIAMS, ISRAEL EPSTEIN and many others who have openly indicated their support of the CP or its causes.

Amerasia, the Communist front publication whose office was used as a repository for stolen official documents, had an interlocking relationship with the IPR. At least seven persons who were IPR officials were also officials of, or contributors to, Amerasia magazine.

And IPR is still publishing books written by Communists and Communist front supporters. Soon to be published is a book called "Philippine Nationalism" by ABRAHAM CHAPMAN...who has written for IPR in the past.

Chapman was a delegate to the CP convention of NY State in 1945... and was elected a member of the State Committee. This was the year when the

CP, on orders from scow, revitalized the violent rthrow conspiracy for which its leaders have since been convicted and sentenced to prison.

Under the name of JOHN ARNOLD, Chapman was a member of the Natl Council of Jewish Communists and the NY State Election Campaign Committee of the CP in the 1930's. In 1937 he and EARL BROWDER were co-authors of a book on the Palestine question. He has also served as an official of the Morning Freiheit, a Communist newspaper.

The timing of Chapman's book on the Philippines is important. In 1945 U S granted independence to Philippines and promised to make these islands "the show window of democracy" in the Pacific. It hasn't kept that promise. It is now admitted that U S installations in the islands are inadequate to meet our commitment to defend them...and Joint Chiefs of Staff have said that Philippines are of vital strategic importance to U S.

Communist-led Hukbalahaps have been waging civil war against Philippine Govt since 1945. In imitation of successful Chinese Communist revolutionaries they have recently changed their name to "Hukbongs"..."People's Liberation Army"...and have started a renewed campaign of violence, of attacking, burning and pillaging villages and murdering their inhabitants.

Police have been unable to cope with the Huks. Last month Pres Quirino turned the job over to the Philippine Army and on April 1 put Luzon, principal Philippine island, under Army rule.

Not only the Philippines, but all Southeast Asia is now threatened by Moscow-directed Communist violence. And the IPR chooses this time to publish a book on the Philippines by Abraham Chapman.

What is the purpose of this book? Is it to give the American public, to quote the IPR's three trustees, "factual, lucid and authoritative accounts of what is happening in Asia and what can sensibly be done about it"?

Chapman is an "authority" on the Philippines because he was on the staff of the Army paper "Pacifican" during the war and spent some time in Manila after the liberation. The fact that he was a leader of the American Veterans of the Philippine Campaign, Communist front which supports the Hukbongs, may help win "respect and confidence" for the IPR.

Publication of Chapman's book by IPR is not a rare oversight. Here are several recent and forthcoming IPR books which show that it is still spreading the pro-Communist viewpoint on the Far East.

1. "Notes on Labor in Nationalist China" by ISRAEL EPSTEIN. Epstein is a lecturer at CP's principal indoctrination center in U S, the Jefferson School of Social Science, has lectured at various CP clubs and written for Daily Worker, the Chicago Star (now defunct) and other Communist publications such as Soviet Russia Today.

2. "The Impact of SCAP (MacArthur's Hq) on Japan" by T A BISSON. Bisson, like Chapman and Epstein, is an official of Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy. He was an editorial board member of Amerasia magazine and has written for Soviet Russia Today and China Today, CP line publications. He has supported organizations on Atty General's list. Writing in IPR's "Far Eastern Survey" a few years ago, he said that the program of Chinese Communists "by no stretch of the imagination can be termed Communism; it is in fact the essence of bourgeois democracy".

3. "Documents on Soviet Far Eastern Policy Since Yalta" by WILLIAM MANDEL (published by international secretariat of IPR). Mandel, like Epstein, was an instructor at the CP's Jefferson School. He has been a

frequent contributor to Soviet Russia Today, a research associate of the American Russian Institute and speaker for Int'l Workers Order (both on Atty General's list). In 1946 he urged U S to cut its military budget and has recently written articles for a CP-line publication describing how Stalin is using atomic energy "for Peace and Reconstruction" in the Red fatherland.

IPR has had great influence on U S Far Eastern policy. Its publications, "Pacific Affairs" and the "Far Eastern Survey", have for years been regarded as the last word on the Far East by many State Dept officials. PHILIP JESSUP, who edited State Dept's White Paper on China and is now directing U S policy on Southeast Asia, was a leading IPR official for 14 years. During those years OWEN LATTIMORE, ALGER HISS, FREDK V FIELD, HENRY WALLACE, LEN DE CAUX, EDWARD C CARTER and others known as pro-Communists or extremely confused "progressives" were IPR officials and trustees.

Not all recent IPR publications are like those listed above. Some have actually been anti-Communist, others have been non-political.

Clayton Lane, a former State Dept official, was elected executive secy of the IPR in 1948. He claimed that IPR would not follow the Communist line, that it would be cleaned up...but it is evident that the job is far from completed and that he has a long way to go.

The IPR is not a Communist front...it is a tragic example of how the CP has taken over organizations for its own subversive purposes. While some of the biggest U S corporations and foundations contributed to its support, the IPR was used by Soviet agents as the principal medium for the spread of the CP's Far Eastern policy.

HOWARD DA SILVA IS TV'S LATEST FIND. NBC has signed the film actor to star in a new adventure series "Walter Fortune". The show will be televised over NBC's Hollywood outlet, station KNBH.

Howard Da Silva was an instructor at CP's institute of subversion, the Jefferson School of Social Science. In 1945 he backed Ben Davis, one of the eleven convicted CP leaders, for election to the NYCity Council.

When CP gave a party for Mother ELLA REEVE BLOOR, the "grand old lady" of the American Communist conspiracy, Da Silva entertained for the benefit of all the CP members who gathered to celebrate her 75th birthday. "Mother" Bloor is the mother of the late HAROLD WARE, who set up Communist underground cells in Washington.

Da Silva has had many Communist adventures. Among them have been his participation in the Council on African Affairs, Stage for Action, Actors Laboratory Theatre, Win the Peace (for Stalin) Conference, the Waldorf "Peace" Conference and the Progressive Citizens of America.

WHAT TO DO: Write to:

JOSEPH McCONNEL, Pres, Natl Broadcasting Co, Rockefeller Center, NYCity.

Ask him if he honestly believes that the American people will welcome Da Silva into their homes in this new TV role...and if there is a dearth of qualified actors whose adventures have been limited to purely American activities.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Subscriber:

PROF. MORRISON, ATOMIC SCIENTIST, IS GLAD STALIN HAS THE BOMB. Last week a top Communist front, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship, held its annual dinner. Among speakers was Prof Philip D Morrison, atomic physicist of Cornell University, who worked on the bomb during war.

Prof Morrison said the atomic explosion in Russia means "peace has won". In other words, as he made plain elsewhere in his speech, the great danger was that an aggressive U S would attack Stalin Russia...but now Moscow has the bomb and therefore this country will be afraid to start a war.

For CONTRAST and RESEMBLANCE, observe two other atomic scientists:

Contrast....Prof Enrico Fermi, American citizen of Italian birth, one of greatest nuclear physicists in world. This Nobel Prize winner says American supremacy in atomic research "seems the only sure guarantee of peace." That is, the danger of war is NOT from U S...it's from Stalin.

Resemblance....Dr Alan Nunn May, now in a British prison. He also thought Stalin ought to have the bomb...and he ACTED on that belief. During war, British Govt sent him to Canada. He did atomic work there and also in atomic laboratory at U of Chicago. Being secretly a Communist, he stole samples of Uranium 235 enriched and Uranium 233. Soviet Embassy in Canada considered them so important that Lt Col Motinov flew to Moscow with them.

In short, Dr Alan Nunn May ACTED on the same belief that Prof Morrison expresses...that it would be a good thing if Stalin had the atomic bomb. And even if Prof Morrison in wartime didn't act on that belief, there were some other American atomic scientists who did.

Prof Morrison denounced the FBI in his speech to the Communists and pro-Communists of Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Why? Because FBI agents "are familiar in every laboratory in the land, seeking information on the lives and the thoughts of the scientists." What they are really seeking information on is ACTIONS...such as support of Communist fronts.

FBI agents haven't far to seek in case of Prof Philip D Morrison of Cornell. He has been connected with many fronts. Here are just a few: Progressive Citizens of America...Committee of 1000...Wallace for President Committee...Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions...U S Congress of Intellectuals (for "peace", at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, NYCity, last March)... and Natl Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the 12 Communist Leaders (in the Communist conspiracy trial that ended this week).

When a Cornell atomic physicist who is a Communist-fronter says he is glad Stalin has the bomb, and assails FBI for precautions at laboratories, no doubt he's perfectly reasonable...from standpoint of a Communist-fronter.

SECRET DECISION OF FARM EQUIPMENT UNION TO MERGE WITH UE is part of the manœuvering preliminary to the split of Communist-led unions from CIO.

Merger plan was exposed by one of its opponents, Peter Aversa of

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Auburn, NY, Pres of District 6 of United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers (FE). He disclosed this week he had attended a meeting of Exec Bd of FE in Chicago at which the scheme was adopted. United Electrical Workers (UE) was represented at that meeting by its top leader, Director of Organization Jas J Matles ("an old-time Communist", as a Congressional committee has defined him), and his Number 2 man, Sec-Treas "Comrade Juniper" Julius Emspak.

FE is under orders by CIO Exec Bd to merge with United Auto Workers. It has openly defied this order. So FE has been considered certain to be expelled at CIO convention, which opens in Cleveland Oct 31.

Communists know that Philip Murray would prefer to treat the huge UE with less abruptness than the small FE. So MAYBE the merger will be a means of enabling FE to avoid IMMEDIATE expulsion. But even UE can't stay in CIO long. Struggle between the Murray majority and the Communist-led minority in CIO is too deep to be compromised. It's based on Stalin's cold war against U S. The party-line unions insist on ACTING to help Stalin in his cold war. Murray won't stand for this. So they'll have to leave CIO.

COMMUNISTS ARE NEEDLING THE STEEL UNION MEMBERS AGAINST MURRAY IN STEEL STRIKE. Although United Steelworkers as a whole is overwhelmingly anti-Communist, there's Communist influence in some of its locals.

Communists are telling the workers that Murray isn't fighting hard enough...that he's counting too much on behind-the-scenes manipulations and Truman's help, instead of on the union's own inherent strength. He should act like the rough & tough John L Lewis, say the Communists. He should make an all-out fight, with mass picket lines. Instead of merely struggling for the U S fact-finding board's recommendations, he should return to his original demand for a 30¢ package, including a wage increase.

Communists are also saying steel companies want to bust the union. The industry hasn't shut down and sacrificed profits "just to force the workers to contribute a couple of cents an hour into a pension kitty," says CP.

And party-line unions are investing words of sympathy and some cash in steel strike, hoping to win support for themselves in coming CIO convention. By loudly declaring their solidarity with the strikers, contributing a little money, and moaning that Murray ought to be more militant, they hope to win sympathy in return and build up a "unity" demand at convention. If steel strike is still on at that time, they will cry: "How can we allow a split in CIO when Wall Street is trying to crush the Steel union?"

HARRY BRIDGES WEAKENED BY HAWAIIAN STRIKE SETTLEMENT. Both economic & political strength of Communists in Hawaii is hurt. Wage increase granted to Bridges' International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, CIO, is 14¢ an hour...which employers were willing to yield four months ago. There'll be another 7¢ next March 1...but in return for this, Bridges trades away next year's right to bargain. Contract will run into 1951.

The employers believe they won a victory. Main cause of this was that they stuck together. Always in past struggles with Bridges there has been a break in the employer front. But this time there was no break.

A contributing cause was Gov Ingram Stainback's successful effort to operate the docks. He persuaded the legislature to pass a law putting Territory of Hawaii into stevedore business. Workers were hired and cargo on strike-bound ships at Hawaii was unloaded, and outward-bound cargo was loaded. It's true that on West Coast, Bridges prevented unloading of cargoes from Hawaii. But some of these were diverted elsewhere.

Bridges approaching trial for perjury & conspiracy in connection with his naturalization proceedings may also affect Communist strength in Hawaii. If Bridges is convicted in Federal court in San Francisco of perjuring himself when he testified he wasn't a Communist Party member, he'll be largely discredited in Hawaii. And the blow will hurt his strong, catch-all union...which includes not only longshoremen but sugar & pineapple workers.

Then the way may be open for Philip Murray to enter Hawaiian scene. By that time Bridges and his union will be out of CIO, and Murray will be able to send in organizers to take Hawaiian workers away from Communists.

MRS. ROOSEVELT SPURNS ONE FRONT...SUPPORTS ANOTHER FRONT...AND DEFENDS ALL FRONTS. Within space of a few days Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt has given a really amazing performance. It's true that certain allowances must be made for her. She's mighty busy with her work as a delegate to United Nations. She's busy with her daily newspaper column (though she turns it out blithely at great speed). She's busy as a speaker & morale-booster for many organizations & causes. She has a huge correspondence and she dictates letters swiftly. She's a dynamo. She says and does so many things that maybe it isn't fair to expect her to think clearly about all of them.

She thought clearly when Communist Muriel Draper accosted her in delegates' lounge of U N a couple of weeks ago and asked her to receive a delegation from Congress of American Women. Muriel Draper is president of this front. (She's also mother of Paul Draper the dancer, who, with Harmonica Player Larry Adler, is suing Mrs John T McCullough of Greenwich, Conn, for $200,000 because she commented on their Communist-front activities.)

Communist Muriel Draper told Mrs Roosevelt that the delegation from Congress of American Women wanted to ask her to promote action by U N to save life of a woman "democratic" leader in Greece who had been sentenced to death by a court martial. (As a matter of fact, Greek Govt had already deferred execution of this woman, a leader in the Communist rebellion.)

Mrs Roosevelt bluntly rejected Muriel Draper's request. She refused to grant the interview. She said she didn't believe the Congress of American Women is interested in saving lives. All it's interested in, she said, is supporting the Soviet Union.

Now there Mrs Roosevelt acted admirably.

And yet she sponsored a conference held Oct 8 by another Communist front, Physicians Forum. It was a "Conference for Health Care Without Discrimination"...that is, to help Negroes get equal rights in health care. And since its avowed purpose was good, Mrs Roosevelt may argue that she was right in supporting it. But really what she supported was the Physicians Forum. Her sponsorship helps this CP front to win more followers & influence.

Here are some of the Communists & Communist-fronters Mrs Roosevelt cooperated with in sponsoring or speaking at the Physicians Forum conference:

Wm L Patterson, leading Communist Party member, former high CP official, and now Exec Director of Civil Rights Congress, a top Communist front.

. Dr Bernhard J Stern of Columbia University, who wrote for the CP publishing house, International Publishers, under name "Bennett Stevens".

His wife, Charlotte Todes Stern, who is named in a Congressional report as a "leading member of Communist Party". She's now an official of a bi Communist-run local of AFL Hotel & Restaurant Union (whose national leaders are anti-Communist). And she's appealing a jail sentence for contempt of Congress as an Exec Bd member of CP front, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Among other sponsors: Rev Jack McMichael, Exec Sec'y, Methodist Federation for Social Action...Jas Waterman Wise, Communist-fronter and author of Henry Wallace's campaign biography last year...Dr Lewis P Rowland, Pres, Assn of Internes & Medical Students, another front...Rose Russell, legislative director of Teachers Union, a part of Communist-led United Public Workers, CIO...Morris Pizer, Pres of CIO United Furniture Workers, and Jos P Selly, Pres CIO American Communications Assn, both of which are party-line.

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And the other day Mrs Roosevelt suddenly came out with a defense of membership in any & all fronts. "For us to subject many people to the fear that belonging to a particular organization will brand them as Communists seems somewhat foolish," she wrote in her column. "You should be able to belong to any organization and even to talk to known Communists and still feel entirely secure that your own democracy could not be questioned until you had committed an act that was visibly undemocratic."

Should you be able to belong to Ku Klux Klan, then, without anybody's daring to question your democracy?

Should you be able to belong to a Fascist group, unquestioned?

And why did Mrs Roosevelt reject Communist Muriel Draper and the Congress of American Women? Couldn't Communist Draper say, "I have a right to belong to this organization and still feel entirely secure that my democracy cannot be questioned until you catch me doing something undemocratic?"

Mrs Roosevelt isn't simply defending innocent people who join Communist fronts without knowing what they're getting into. She's arguing that anybody should be able to join "any organization" (Communist, Fascist, etc) and take full part in its activities, without being blamed in the least. The effect of Mrs Roosevelt's words is to help all such organizations.

Seemingly she doesn't realize that her words contradict her own earlier words to Congress of American Women. She probably doesn't appreciate the full significance of what she wrote in her column. It takes time to think things out...and Mrs Roosevelt just hasn't time.

MRS ROOSEVELT WANTS HER FRIEND ALGER HISS TO BE TRIED IN VERMONT. As soon as Hiss asked for transfer of his approaching retrial to Vermont, Mrs Roosevelt endorsed the appeal in her newspaper column.

She didn't tell her readers that Hiss is a friend of hers and was her guest in White House. She suggested that Vermonters aren't apt "to condemn people by association and to be unduly suspicious of actions long past." And yet last year Mrs Roosevelt mercilessly lashed Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley for actions long past. And during recent Hiss trial she denounced Chambers for his testimony, and asserted nobody should believe a word he said. Apparently this was advice to jurors as well as everyone else.

But Mrs Roosevelt's remarks on Hiss case are much less harmful than her sponsorship of a Communist front and her sudden defense of all fronts. We hope that during her week-ends at Hyde Park, NY, and her long walks with Fala she allows herself a moment for reflection...and that a few of her many readers will write to her and point out that her defense of Communist fronts is inconsistent with her own blunt rebuff to the Congress of American Women.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNIST PARTY PLANNED RIOT AT TRIAL OF ITS TOP LEADERS, which began in Federal court this week. CP intended to bring thousands of its members & supporters to the Federal courthouse, where they would pick a fight with the small number of police who were expected to be there.

This riot would be played up throughout world as an assault by Wall Street's police against the American "people", especially the "workers". Thus America would get another black eye in world opinion.

But the plot was balked when NY Police Dept announced it would post 400 of its members near and in U S Courthouse. In other words, there would be enough police on hand to PREVENT trouble. If anybody started anything, he would be yanked away at once.

This police announcement scared many Communists away, as it was intended to do. But what reward did the police get for preventing the riot? One leading newspaper, which often leans backward to be "fair" to Red Fascists, actually rebuked the Police Dept for announcing it was going to have so many policemen on hand. Next day the Communist lawyers in the trial read this editorial in court. When a powerful American newspaper just doesn't know the score, can you wonder that the Communist Fifth Column is strong?

CONNECTION BETWEEN SCREENWRITER DALTON TRUMBO AND STATE DEPARTMENT might well have been explored by Senate Foreign Relations Committee when it held its hearing last week on appointment of Dean Acheson.

Former Sec'y of State Edward R Stettinius, Jr, was the only witness besides Acheson himself, and he praised Acheson highly. Stettinius ought to have been asked about the conference in San Francisco in 1945 that organized the United Nations. Alger Hiss was Sec'y General of conference.

Communist Party Member Dalton Trumbo should have been a witness too. Trumbo has been one of highest-paid screenwriters in Hollywood. He's now appealing a jail sentence for contempt of Congress as result of his refusal to tell House Un-American Activities Committee whether he was a member of CP.

Communist Trumbo was at San Francisco conference. How come? He explained at a meeting of Screen Writers Guild in Hollywood Dec 15, 1947. It was an angry moment and he told a bit of the truth. The major movie producers had yielded to public indignation by announcing they wouldn't employ anybody who had refused to answer the House committee's questions.

The furious Trumbo cut loose. He denounced several movie executives, including Walter Wanger. He said he had written every speech Wanger had ever made...that Wanger didn't have sense enough to prepare his own speeches. He said Wanger had taken him to the U N conference at San Francisco in 1945. That was in wartime, and airplane space was in great demand. Trumbo said he had flown to San Francisco with an A 1 Govt priority and Wanger had installed him in a hotel suite.

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Communist Trumbo said he helped to write Sec'y Stettinius' speech at opening of U N conference. Molotov was there. No Fifth Columnist for America was smuggled into Soviet delegation to write Molotov's speeches. But Communist Molotov's comrade, Communist Trumbo, was smuggled into American delegation to help the innocent Stettinius say just the right things.

Trumbo and Alger Hiss should have been questioned by the Senate committee. Exactly how was Trumbo brought into San Francisco conference? What other Communists were in U S delegation? Who brought them there? What did they do there?

Will Communists sometimes help Acheson to write his speeches? Who knows? Acheson's former chief, Stettinius, had Communists around him in State Dept and in American delegation at San Francisco without knowing it. Now it's up to Acheson to do better.

THE DEAN OF APPEASEMENT SAYS, "WHO, ME?" In 1944 the State Dept was divided into two camps, with Assistant Sec'y of State Adolf A Berle, Jr, opposed by Assistant Sec'y Dean Acheson (and Alger & Donald Hiss) on the question: "What do we do when we meet the Russians?" Specifically this meant: "Who'll control Germany? What'll happen in Berlin?" Etc, etc.

Every alert Washington correspondent knew this, even if he didn't write about it. Berle urged a firm policy with Stalin at once, while we had our armies in Europe to speak for us. It was an open secret that Acheson wanted a soft policy. In fact until 1946 he was known as "the Dean of Appeasement". Jonathan Stout, Washington correspondent of the liberal-labor weekly, the New Leader, often made frank reports on this situation. That was before Counterattack was founded...otherwise we'd have published the facts about Acheson at the time.

Yet now Acheson has blandly denied everything to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. An appeaser? Why, he never even heard the word till lately. A dispute with Berle? That's all news to Acheson.

Berle has never talked publicly about this situation. When the appeasers won, Berle lost his assistant secretaryship and became ambassador to Brazil. He took his defeat in silence, just as Undersec'y Joseph C Grew did later when he was replaced by Acheson. Last August Berle was asked by the House Un-American Activities Committee to tell what he knew of Whittaker Chambers' story about Alger & Donald Hiss and others. Berle talked in a CLOSED session of the committee. He was frank about the State Dept dispute, because Chambers' charges were a serious matter.

Acheson quibbled in his testimony before the Senate committee last week. He picked on the fact that Berle had mentioned Alger Hiss, instead of Donald, as Acheson's executive assistant. This was a trivial slip of the tongue. Chambers had accused BOTH the Hiss brothers of being leaders of Communist cells...and both brothers had risen to power in State Dept under Acheson's protective wing. Alger Hiss held higher posts in State Dept than his brother Donald, who afterwards became Acheson's law partner...till this week

Now the former "Dean of Appeasement" is our Sec'y of State. We must hope his appeasement tendencies are definitely ended. But we'll be better able to face the future if we don't kid ourselves about the past.

BURT LANCASTER, MOVIE STAR, SPOKE AT A COMMUNIST FRONT MEETING last week. Big front, Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions, held a mass meeting to urge abolition of House Un-American Activities Committee. Among several Communists & fellow-travelers who spoke were Howard Fast, novelist, now appealing a jail sentence for contempt of Congress...Lester Cole, screenwriter indicted for the same offense...Millard Lampell, screen & radio writer...and Rep Vito Marcantonio.

WHAT TO DO: You and your organizations should AT ONCE tell movie theaters in your town, and radio stations & networks, that you object to appearances of Burt Lancaster or any other star at Communist front meetings. Make your position known and FELT at once, for its quick effect on Hollywood.

STRANGE BEHAVIOR OF A FEDERAL JUDGE IN DEALING WITH COMMUNISTS is illustrated by the following facts. In our Jan 7 issue we told you something about Judge Leon R Yankwich of Southern District of Calif, who has lectured at a Communist school and, according to a Communist newspaper, entertained the educational director of the school in his home. We cited a number of other significant facts about Judge Yankwich and the Communists.

In awarding $71,500 back pay to Lester Cole, $1350 a week screenwriter, Judge Yankwich made some astonishing statements which deserve attention of Congress. But he had also made some astonishing statements much earlier.

Lester Cole is one of 10 indicted Hollywood "unfriendly witnesses" who're suing movie companies for barring them from employment after they defied House Un-American Activities Committee. Four of these 10 were on faculty of the same Communist school where Yankwich himself lectured. Cole brought a separate suit against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for breach of contract.

The following incident took place in an early stage of Cole's suit against M-G-M last March. Judge Yankwich asked an M-G-M lawyer whether he knew of any law requiring a witness to answer "Yes" or "No" to a question. The lawyer didn't. Whereupon Judge Yankwich said: "Then your man" (meaning Cole) "did not refuse to answer. He merely said he wanted to answer the question in his own way. As I view the law, he did not refuse to answer."

Now you can decide for yourself. Here's a verbatim extract from Lester Cole's testimony before House committee. The chairman and the chief investigator were trying to get Cole to say whether he was a member of Screen Writers Guild. He dodged...he orated...and at last the following exchange took place (we're quoting the official record word for word):

"THE CHAIRMAN. Then you decline to answer the question?

MR COLE. No; I do not decline to answer the question. On the contrary, I would very much like to answer it; just give me a chance.

THE CHAIRMAN. Supposing we gave you a chance to make an explanation, how long would it take you to make that explanation?

MR COLE. Oh, I would say anywhere from a minute to 20, I don't know.

THE CHAIRMAN. Twenty?

MR COLE. Sure, I don't know.

THE CHAIRMAN. And would it all have to do with the question?

MR COLE. It certainly would.

THE CHAIRMAN. Then would you finally answer it "Yes" or "No"?

MR COLE. Well, I really don't think that is the question before us now, is it?

THE CHAIRMAN. Then go to the next question.

MR STRIPLING. Mr Cole, are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

MR COLE. I would like to answer that question as well; I would be very happy to. I believe the reason the question is being asked is that because at the present time there is an election in the Screen Writers Guild in Hollywood that for 15 years Mr McGuinness and others --

THE CHAIRMAN. I didn't even know there was an election out there. Go ahead and answer the question. Are you a member of the Communist Party?

MR COLE. If you don't know there is an election there you didn't hear Mr Lavery's testimony yesterday.

THE CHAIRMAN. There were some parts I didn't hear.

MR COLE. I am sorry, but I would like to put it into the record that there is an election there.

THE CHAIRMAN. All right, there is an election there. Now, anwer the question, Are you a member of the Communist Party?

MR COLE. Can I answer that in my own way, please? May I, please? Can I have that right? Mr McGuiness was allowed to answer in his own way.

THE CHAIRMAN. You are an American, aren't you?

MR COLE. Yes; I certainly am, and it states so in my statement.

THE CHAIRMAN. Then you ought to be very proud to answer the question.

MR COLE. I am very proud to answer the question, and I will at times when I feel it is proper.

THE CHAIRMAN. It would be very simple to answer.

MR COLE. It is very simple to answer the question.

THE CHAIRMAN. You bet.

MR COLE (continuing). And at times when I feel it is proper I will, but I wish to stand on my rights of association --

MR CHAIRMAN. We will determine whether it is proper.

MR COLE. No, sir. I feel I must determine it as well.

THE CHAIRMAN. We will determine whether it is proper. You are excused.

Now ask yourself: Did Lester Cole refuse to answer? (And incidentally, would Judge Yankwich have been as patient with an evasive witness and as polite as the committee chairman was?)

Judge Yankwich insults the intelligence when he asserts Cole didn't refuse to answer. Extraordinary conduct of this judge should be investigated by Congress. If you haven't already done so, write or wire your congressman, your senators, and the chairmen of the House Judiciary Committee (House Office Bldg, Washington, DC) and of the Senate Judiciary Committee (Senate Office Bldg), asking for a full inquiry into Judge Leon R Yankwich.

COMMUNIST PARTY URGES RANK-AND-FILE SUPER-MILITANCY IN LABOR. The CP has suffered huge losses in labor and is even rapidly losing strength in its chief stronghold, United Electrical Workers, CIO. Last week Communist Natl Committee announced its present line. Communists in unions must stimulate rank-and-file revolts against the leadership on wage question. They must urge all unions to unite for wage boosts. "More for the workers, nothing for the 'cold war'!" That's one of the CP's new slogans. Leaders must be accused of sacrificing workers' interests to Marshall Plan. Thus CP hopes to hurt Marshall Plan and at the same time save its power in labor.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Subscriber:

WHO HELPED THESE IDENTIFIED COMMUNISTS INFILITRATE GOVT AGENCIES? The Senate Internal Security subcommittee has uncovered in its current investigation a pattern which shows that since-identified Communists literally flocked to Washington in the Thirties, started working in rather minor jobs and then wormed their way into policy-making positions.

There were two primary objectives in this infiltration. One was espionage. The other was to influence congressional investigations and legislation in such a way as to help Moscow by smearing (and thus undermining) American institutions such as the free enterprise system...and by favoring groups influenced or controlled by Communists.

ALGER HISS had a hand in both types of Communist activity in govt. He served as counsel for the Nye committee, which investigated U S munitions manufacturers and helped convince many Americans that these people were callous "merchants of death". He also did espionage work.

The Senate (La Follette) Civil Liberties Committee, set up in 1936 to investigate violations of free speech and of the rights of labor, served as a forum through which numerous Communists and fellow-travelers smeared American business men through affidavits or direct testimony. HARRY BRIDGES, JAMES MATLES, JOHN STEUBEN, CHARLES DOYLE, and PHILIP M CONNELLY were just a few of the many identified Communist labor leaders who took advantage of this committee in order to pan the American business man.

They had the help of JOHN ABT and CHARLES KRAMER (KRIVITSKY) in this activity. ABT was general counsel for the LaFollette committee and KRAMER was a member of the committee staff.

Both have been identified as members of the underground Communist apparatus in Washington by ELIZABETH BENTLEY. Both were recently subpoenaed to testify before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee...and both refused to say if they are now Communists or if they had engaged in espionage.

KRAMER worked for three Senate committees and four govt agencies. He is now a research economist for the Communist-led Progressive Party.

ABT was also chief of litigation for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (where KRAMER got his start in govt service), general counsel for the WPA and special assistant to the U S Attorney General. He is now an attorney for the Communist Party (CP).

Some other persons who held influential posts in govt agencies or on Congressional committees and have recently refused to answer questions for the Internal Security subcommittee include:

VICTOR PERLO, who is now teaching at the CP's Jefferson School and writing anti-American propaganda books. PERLO, identified as the leader of a Washington espionage ring, started his govt career in 1933 and worked for various federal agencies, including the Treasury Dept, until the mid-Forties.

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F PALMER WEBER, who served on a Senate Military Affairs subcommittee, the Senate Committee on Education and Labor and a House Committee on Interstate Migratory Labor (see COUNTERATTACK, May 8, 1953, p 1).

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, identified as the leader of one of the Washington espionage rings in the HISS case. SILVERMASTER worked for the Federal Security Agency, the Maritime Labor Board, the Board of Economic Warfare and the War Assets Administration.

In April SILVERMASTER refused to say if he is NOW active in a Communist espionage ring, if he has photographic equipment at his home at Harvey Cedars on the New Jersey coast, or if Soviet agents have visited his home there in the last two years. SILVERMASTER is now a builder in Harvey Cedars. His partner is WILLIAM ULLMAN, former Air Force major who was identified by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as the person who microfilmed classified government documents for SILVERMASTER's espionage ring.

EDWARD FITZGERALD and HARRY MAGDOFF, both of whom started working for the WPA in 1936. Both ended up working for Commerce Dept under HENRY WALLACE...after spending the intervening years in other govt agencies.

Last month both refused to say if they are now engaged in espionage or if they had been during the war. MAGDOFF is now working as a private economic research specialist. FITZGERALD writes for "confession" magazines and, in the last few years, has written many book reviews for the NY Times, the NY Herald Tribune and the Saturday Review.

CP had very powerful followers in the labor relations field in Washington for many years. On May 21 EDWIN S SMITH, a former member of the Nat'l Labor Relations Board, refused to tell the Senate Internal Security subcommittee if he was, or had ever been, a CP member.

SMITH served on the NLRB from 1934 to 1940. For three years prior to his NLRB appointment he was Commissioner of Labor and Industries for the State of Massachusetts. In addition, he was appointed by Pres ROOSEVELT to serve as a U S observer at the Geneva International Labor Conference in 1933.

Prof LOUIS BUDENZ identified SMITH as a CP member in 1948. Throughout his NLRB career SMITH had been an open associate of persons since identified as Communists, spies and fellow travelers. He was also a supporter of Communist fronts and a defender of Stalin Russia.

He broke openly with Pres ROOSEVELT during the Stalin-Hitler Pact, denouncing the President's "warmongering" policies. It was because of this that he was not reappointed to the NLRB in 1941.

NATHAN WITT was exec-sec'y and chief administrator of NLRB when SMITH was on the board. WITT, appearing for the fourth time before a Congressional committee investigating Communism last month, again refused to say if he is or was a CP member. WITT, who served as counsel or sec'y of the NLRB from 1934 to 1941, has been identified as a member of a secret Communist apparatus in Washington by both WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and NATHANIEL WEYL. He is now the attorney for the CP-run Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

WITT was one of SMITH's most ardent supporters when SMITH got into trouble while in his NLRB post.

Another SMITH supporter was LEE PRESSMAN, who was also identified by CHAMBERS and BENTLEY as a member of the Washington apparatus. PRESSMAN then held the powerful position of general counsel for the CIO. He was the CP's "Mr Big" in Washington. In 1950 he admitted he had been a CP member and named WITT, JOHN ABT and CHARLES KRAMER...all of whom worked for govt agencies dealing with labor...as Communists.

But the full story of Communist influence in U S labor relations and the NLRB is not revealed by the records of EDWIN S SMITH, LEE PRESSMAN, NATHAN WITT, JOHN ABT, CHARLES KRAMER and other since-identified Communists who served on the NLRB or on Congressional committees dealing with unions.

Many Communists were also active in Washington as representatives of union's dealing with the NLRB and the Congressional committees. Mrs DOROTHY K FUNN, teacher, ex-Communist and former legislative representative of the Nat'l Negro Congress, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on May 4. She named 66 persons she had known as members of the party. Among them were the following persons who worked in Washington as legislative representatives or officials of unions in the years 1943 to 1946:

HARRIET BOUSLOG, Int'l Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO).
HERMAN CLOTT, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO).
GERTRUDE EVANS, sec'y, Washington Industrial Union Council.
HOYT HADDOCK, of the CIO's Maritime Committee.
WILLIAM JOHNSON, head of AFL's Cooks Union in Washington.
RUSS NIXON, United Electrical Workers (CIO).
THOMAS RICHARDSON, vice pres, United Public Workers (CIO).
IRVIN RICHTER, United Auto Workers (CIO).
ELIZABETH SASULY, Food and Tobacco Workers (CIO).
GERALDINE SHANDROS, American Communications Assn (CIO).
JACK ZUCKER, United Furniture Workers (CIO).

LEN DeCAUX, then editor of the CIO News, was also identified as a CP member by Mrs FUNN.

CP had an ideal set-up for pushing its objectives in the labor field in Washington from the mid-Thirties to the mid-Forties. There were Communists in the NLRB and in other govt agencies and on Congressional committee staffs that dealt with unions. At the same time Communists were representing some of the most powerful unions in the nation in Washington...and Communists were in top positions in the CIO where they could exert pressure on the govt by their manipulation of CIO policies, propaganda and legislative activity.

It is no wonder that the late AFL pres WILLIAM ~~F~~ GREEN charged that NLRB member EDWIN S SMITH discriminated against the AFL in favor of the CIO and said that SMITH was "impossible".

And it's no wonder that LEE PRESSMAN, CIO general counsel and CP's "Mr Big", went to bat for EDWIN S SMITH when Pres ROOSEVELT dropped SMITH from the NLRB. SMITH then got the job of national director of the CIO's Oil Workers Organizing Committee. He later worked for the CP-run United Public Workers and also became director of the party's Nat'l Council of American-Soviet Friendship. In the late Forties he taught American History at the Putney School in Vermont and organized a unit of the CP-run Teachers Union there.

When the late PHILIP MURRAY cracked down on the Communists in the CIO in 1949, SMITH wrote a series of articles for the Communoid "Daily Compass", smearing MURRAY and urging CIO members to follow their Communist leaders out of the organization.

Years ago SMITH branded as an "outrageous distortion" a charge that he was a Communist.

Now he is an agent for the Soviet Union and Communist China...and is so registered with the Dept of Justice. He runs an agency that handles their propaganda pictures and has distributed Moscow's "germ warfare" photos in U S.

Internal Security subcommittee has been unable, so far, to learn who pushed these identified Communists and spies ahead in govt service. There will be serious loopholes in U S security system until it succeeds.

RELIGIOU ND EDUCATIONAL LEADERS HAIL "S -INCRIMINATORS". The pattern developed by the EDWIN S SMITHS, JOHN ABTS, NATHAN WITTS, many college professors, writers, and film, radio and TV personalities when they have testified in Congressional inquiries into Communism is now familiar to most Americans. These persons have been identified as Communists or they have long records of supporting Communist fronts, schools and causes, or both.

They have been asked questions such as the following:

"Are you a member of the Communist Party?"

"Have you ever engaged in espionage against the U S Government?"

"In the event of war between the U S and the Soviet Union, would you support the United States?"

And they have answered: "I refuse to answer on the grounds that my answer would tend to incriminate me."

Most Americans consider the refusal to answer an admission of guilt and an effort to protect Moscow's conspiracy to destroy the U S.

But fourteen Bostonians, most of them clergymen and educators, think highly of "Fifth Amendment Club" members. In large paid ads in the Boston Herald and Boston Traveler last month they defended all those who refuse to answer questions about Communism on grounds of self-incrimination.

The ad implied that these persons are really loyal citizens who believe that the government has no right to investigate what people "think and say, whom they meet, what they read, how they vote, where they worship or what ideals they pursue"...and that in refusing to answer questions they are, out of patriotic motives, resisting unjust government interference in the affairs of private citizens.

This is evasive double-talk. Investigating committees are not interested in private citizens' thoughts, ideals, reading matter or religion.

But committees have a right to investigate any conspiracy against the government and to ask private citizens about the ACTIONS they have taken in behalf of such conspiracies. This is what the committees have done.

The ad further implied that many innocent persons were being subpoenaed to testify and had to invoke the Fifth Amendment to protect themselves against the perjured testimony of "professional" witnesses who would swear that they were Communists.

This is a smear statement without any foundation in fact. The ad also urged all its readers to contribute to the defense funds for self-incriminators...and to work for the abolition of the Congressional committees investigating Communism because they use "police state" methods and are "undermining the entire constitution and our democratic system".

Signers of this ad were: Harvard professors HOWARD MUMFORD JONES, HENRY J CADBURY, KIRTLEY F MATHER, GEORGE SARTON and JOSEPH F FLETCHER...all of whom have, or are still, supporting Communist fronts.

Also Rt Rev NORMAN B NASH, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts; Rabbi ABRAHAM J KLAUSNER, Rev CARLETON M FISHER, Dr JACOB FINE, Miss SARAH T SANBORN, Mrs JOHN E MOORS, Mrs CLARENCE LESEUR and HOWARD S WHITESIDE.

Pres SAMUEL P SEARS and SAMUEL ABRAMS of the Massachusetts Bar Assn have branded the ad as "nothing but a subtle attempt to sabotage the congressional efforts to root out Communism".

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Subscriber:

INDIANA JUDGE SPEAKS AT DINNER FOR A TOP COMMUNIST AGENT. STEVE NELSON (aliases STEVE MESAROSH, JOSEPH FLEISCHINGER, LOUIS EVANS) is one of Moscow's top U S agents. Formerly a member of the party's Politburo, he also served as a political commissar and Lt Colonel in the Communist Int'l Brigade in the Spanish Civil War and was recently chairman of the party in the key mining area of Western Pennsylvania. Under NELSON's direction a Communist cell was formed in the Radiation Laboratory at the Univ of Calif (Berkeley) in the early Forties. As Communist Party (CP) organizer of Alameda County at the time, he had direct jurisdiction over Communist infiltration of the A-bomb project at the Radiation Laboratory.

NELSON has been charged with receiving secret information on the A-bomb from Dr JOSEPH W WEINBERG ("Scientist X") and turning it over to Soviet officials. He has refused on the grounds of self-incrimination to answer questions about these charges.

NELSON is now on trial in Pittsburgh, charged with conspiracy against the U S Govt under the Smith Act. He has already been convicted of sedition under a Pennsylvania law, sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined $10,000 and court costs.

A dinner in honor of Communist agent STEVE NELSON was held in NYCity last Friday evening, May 22.

Circuit Court Judge NORVAL K HARRIS, a Democrat of Sullivan County, Indiana, was one of the speakers at the dinner.

This was not the first time Judge HARRIS has come out in defense of agents of the Communist Party. He wrote a letter of praise to the Communist magazine "Soviet Russia Today" in 1944, entering a subscription to the magazine for 1945. In 1949 he also wrote a laudatory letter to the Daily Worker in renewing his subscription to that paper

HARRIS served as co-chairman with PAUL ROBESON of the Nat'l Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders. This front was set up at the CP's Bill of Rights Conference (which HARRIS supported) in 1949 and circulated a nationwide appeal to have the indictments of the party's Politburo members dismissed. In 1950 he spoke at a dinner staged by the Civil Rights Congress, the party's legal defense and bail fund agency.

HARRIS also jumped to the defense of the attorneys for the CP leaders who were cited (and subsequently convicted) for contempt by Federal Judge HAROLD MEDINA because of their conduct in court during the trial.

Last March Judge HARRIS announced that he had offered his support to the Nat'l Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, the Communist front leading the fight for the convicted atom spies.

Judge HARRIS has lavished praise on EUGENE DENNIS, Gen'l Sec'y of CP whose real name is FRANK WALDRON. DENNIS is one of the Politburo members now serving prison terms after being convicted of conspiracy.

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DENNIS reaffirmed his allegiance to Moscow just before he went to prison, saying that in the event of war between this country and the Soviet Union he would oppose the U S.

Yet HARRIS visited DENNIS in prison in 1950...and after his visit he said: "I like a man like Dennis...I am going to work every waking moment for the release of that fine man....He is a great American citizen....It is good to shake the hand of a man like that."

Judge HARRIS once served part of a federal prison term for forging veterans' bonus checks...and then was pardoned by Pres F D ROOSEVELT.

In 1950 the Supreme Court of Indiana found that Judge HARRIS was "clearly contemptuous" of its order that he refrain from promoting an investigation of a prosecutor who had brought embezzlement, forgery and fraudulent check charges against him in his own court. The Supreme Court sentenced Judge HARRIS to 60 days on the state penal farm and fined him $300.

While HARRIS was serving his time on the farm, the Superintendent of the farm commented, "It's not a good morale factor for the men to know that a judge is committed here."

And it's obviously not a good morale factor for the people of Sullivan County, Indiana, to know that the man who is supposed to administer justice for them is a man who praises Communist conspirators.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO COMBAT COMMUNISM?

Under present laws Judge HARRIS cannot be removed from the bench unless he is convicted of a felony.

Write to: Sen WILLIAM LANGER, chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D C.

Urge him to have his committee investigate the case of Judge HARRIS for the purpose of devising legislation that would provide for the removal of any judge who aids a conspiracy that would destroy the U S judicial system.

HERE'S A NEW PUBLISHING COMPANY AND BOOK CLUB YOU SHOULD WATCH CAREFULLY. On Sept 14, 1951, ANGUS CAMERON, editor-in-chief and a vice-president of Little, Brown & Co, "resigned" from that publishing firm. He did this just two weeks after COUNTERATTACK published a special six-page issue listing the many pro-Communist books the firm had published under CAMERON's editorship...and also exposing his long record of supporting Communist fronts and causes and bringing out the fact that Prof LOUIS BUDENZ had identified him as a CP member.

Little, Brown tried to refute COUNTERATTACK's charges about its publishing record. The facts made this impossible...and CAMERON's continued support of obvious Communist activity after leaving the firm was no help to Little, Brown's whitewash attempt.

CAMERON was recently subpoenaed to appear before Senate Internal Security subcommittee. On May 7 he refused on the grounds of self-incrimination to tell the subcommittee if he is now a Communist Party member or if he was one when editor-in-chief of Little, Brown.

ALBERT E KAHN, a former editor of the Communist magazine, "New Masses", and co-author of "The Great Conspiracy Against Russia" and other pro-Communist books, was one of the Little, Brown authors exposed by COUNTERATTACK in its special August, 1951, issue.

Now CAMERON and KAHN have teamed up to form the publishing firm of Cameron and Kahn, Inc, which will publish cheap editions of books that, it claims, "most publishers today shy away from because of the intellectual intimidation prevailing in our country". The records of both men make quite obvious the kind of books they mean by these words.

They have also formed the Union Book Club which will publish 50¢ editions of books telling "the uncensored truth" about the times we live in and "the forces which produce them".

There's a little log-rolling in their set-up. One of the first selections of their club is a book by KAHN. It is called "The Game of Death" and tells of the allegedly horrible effects of the "cold war" on American children. The book will be another plea for appeasement.

The Union Book Club is directed primarily at workers. Its other initial selection is "The Untold Story", which is supposed to relate the "battles, betrayals and victories of American working men and women". It is written jointly by HERBERT MORAIS, who was dismissed from Brooklyn College as a CP member over ten years ago; RICHARD O BOYER, the professed Communist who, until recently, was on the staff of the New Yorker magazine, and LEN DE CAUX, identified CP member and former editor of the CIO News, who now edits the Communist monthly magazine, "March of Labor".

Librarians, non-Communist union officials and all Americans should watch for attempts by Communists, fellow travelers and their dupes to place Cameron and Kahn books on the shelves of U S libraries and to promote their sale among union members.

Added note on Little, Brown: COUNTERATTACK also exposed the Communist record of EDWIN SEAVER, advertising and promotion manager of Little, Brown, in its special six-page issue. SEAVER had written for the Daily Worke and other Communist publications. He had backed professed Communists for Pres and Vice-Pres of U S and had supported openly revolutionary Communist groups as well as many of the party's more recent fronts which conceal their aim of violent overthrow of the United States of America.

SEAVER testified before the Senate Permanent Investigating subcommittee on Mar 26. He admitted his previous Communist activities but said that he no longer was sympathetic to Communism.

And since ANGUS CAMERON left Little, Brown...after COUNTERATTACK's exposure...the firm has published some worthwhile anti-Communist books.

The usual cries of "smear", "witchhunting", etc, were raised when this newsletter published its facts about Little, Brown. But the "witches" exposed were real. No innocent person was hurt. And there has been some improvement in Little, Brown's publishing record.

Publishing the truth about Communist infiltration...as COUNTERATTACK did in the case of Little, Brown & Co...has clearly helped the fight against Moscow's Fifth Column in the U S.

OUSTER OF TEACHER MAY CHANGE CHARACTER OF UNIVERSITY'S PRESS AWARDS. In 1948 Long Island University (LIU) set up the George Polk Memorial Awards for distinguished contributions to journalism. The award winners are chosen each year by the members of LIU's Journalism Dept.

The awards are named after GEORGE POLK, CBS correspondent who was murdered by the Communists in Greece. Naming the awards for him was odd because POLK had written for a pro-CP newsletter in this country, opposed the anti-Communist govt of Greece and also the U S policy of helping the Greek Govt fight the Communists who were trying to overthrow it by civil war.

COUNTERATTACK pointed out the peculiar slant of some of LIU's Polk awards in its issue of Feb 22, 1952.

One of its 1951 awards was given to RICHARD CARTER, a reporter for the "Daily Compas   a Communoid newspaper.

Another went to the trade magazine "Sponsor" for a series of articles it had published on the so-called "blacklist" in radio-TV. When LIU gave the award it had been proved that the series contained falsehoods.

The series was written by FRANK RASKY, a senior editor of "Sponsor" who was formerly on the staff of the party-line newspaper PM. It was largely a rehash of material that had appeared in pro-Communist publications. The series did a job of character assassination. In addition to suggesting a useless plan for preventing Communist infiltration of the industry, it used falsehoods and misquoted people in order to smear those who exposed Communists and fellow travelers in radio and TV. RASKY "resigned" from Sponsor after COUNTERATTACK's exposure of his articles.

JAMES ARONSON, executive editor of the blatantly pro-Communist weekly newspaper, The Nat'l Guardian, is an instructor in journalism at LIU and so has helped select the winners of the Polk awards. LIU has retained ARONSON as an instructor even though the Nat'l Guardian has cooperated with the enemy govt of Communist China in wartime. Since COUNTERATTACK exposed the nature of some of the awards made by LIU with ARONSON's help, the university, when asked, has failed to affirm or deny that he is a top official of a pro-CP newspaper.

On May 14 ARONSON refused to tell Senate Investigations subcommittee if he was a CP member. CP press says LIU fired him for this...but LIU will not confirm or deny this report and says he is still teaching there.

ARONSON worked for the OWI during World War II, served as civilian press control officer for Supreme Allied Hq in Germany after the war (in this job he had a voice in determining which German newspapers would be licensed and financed by the U S), and then returned to this country to work for the NY Post and the NY Times before tying up with LIU and the Nat'l Guardian.

ARONSON's boss at the Nat'l Guardian is now being held on Ellis Island for deportation. He is CEDRIC BELFRAGE (COUNTERATTACK, July 20, 1951), a British subject, who also refused to tell Senate subcommittee if he was a CP member...or if he had engaged in espionage against the U S. ELIZABETH BENTLEY has testified that BELFRAGE gave her information for transmittal to Soviet agents when he was employed by the British Intelligence Service.

The Geo Polk Awards made by LIU this year, after COUNTERATTACK's 1952 exposure, showed a change for the better. This change may be a permanent one if LIU has really given ARONSON his walking papers.

TRUTH ABOUT OWEN LATTIMORE NOW AVAILABLE IN HANDY FORM. The investigation of the Institute of Pacific Relations and OWEN LATTIMORE by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee took well over a year. The testimony taken and the findings of the Committee filled fifteen volumes.

In his recently published book, "The Lattimore Story", writer JOHN T FLYNN has set down simply, clearly and briefly the most important facts about LATTIMORE brought out in the investigation. The book, published by Devin-Adair, NYCity, is well worth reading and costs only $1.00. Buy a copy or two and donate one to your local library.

And don't forget to write to Sen LANGER about Judge HARRIS (p 2).

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Subscriber:

WHY HAS CANADA BEEN RELUCTANT TO HAVE IGOR GOUZENKO INTERVIEWED? One request by the U S State Dept to permit representatives of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee to talk with IGOR GOUZENKO was turned down by the Canadian Government last month. This week Canada acceded to a second request by the State Dept...after clearly indicating that the decision was made reluctantly.

GOUZENKO is the former code clerk for the Russian Embassy in Ottawa who in 1945 exposed a Soviet atomic espionage ring in Canada. The Internal Security subcommittee is anxious to find out if he can aid its investigation of espionage in the U S. GOUZENKO recently stated:

"If Senator McCarthy or Senator Jenner thought that I might help them, I would be glad to see either of them" and (I think) "a talk with them would be worth while...."

"I can give advice which, if properly put into effect, would have good chances of bringing exposure of present Soviet spy rings in the United States in comparatively short time."

Many Americans are disturbed by Canada's reluctant cooperation. Why, they ask, did our ally and neighbor, with whom we have had the friendliest relations, hesitate to help the exposure of enemy espionage agents?

Similar feelings have been expressed in Canada. SOLON LOW, leader of Canada's Social Credit Party, criticized his government at the party's convention last week. He said that he thought it was in the best interests of both countries for GOUZENKO to tell what he knows.

Two widely varying explanations for Canada's attitude toward the U S request have been advanced.

One is the failure of the U S to act on the information GOUZENKO gave it long ago. An FBI representative interviewed GOUZENKO at great length in 1945 when he broke with Moscow and asked for asylum in Canada. The FBI learned all he knew about the U S links of the Canadian spy ring.

Canadian Prime Minister MACKENZIE KING made a trip to Washington to confer with Pres TRUMAN on Sept 30, 1945...shortly after GOUZENKO told his story to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He also conferred with President TRUMAN in Washington again in November, 1945, when he, the President and CLEMENT ATLEE announced their decision to share atomic data with the U N. It is generally believed that GOUZENKO's revelations, as they applied to the U S as well as to Canada, featured prominently in these discussions.

Vice Pres RICHARD M NIXON, then a Representative, stated in a speech on the floor of the House on Jan 26, 1950:

"When the Canadian (atomic espionage) case came to public attention, it was universally assumed that there would be a similar prosecution in this country. It is common knowledge that Canadian officials expected that our

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Government would take such action. Since the major facilities for developing the atomic bomb were located in the United States rather than in Canada, it would be apparent to anyone that the Soviet Union would direct its major espionage activities against this country."

The Canadian Royal Commission tried and convicted nine members of the ring in that country within a year of GOUZENKO's revelations.

By way of contrast: There were no trials, convictions or exposures of atomic espionage agents in the U S.

A former FBI agent has testified that the State Dept prevented the FBI from arresting Soviet agents who skipped the U S.

ANDREI V SCHEVCHENKO, for example, a Soviet Purchasing Commission and Amtorg representative, was permitted to leave the U S in early 1946 without being exposed...although it was known he was an espionage agent. The FBI had known of his activities at least since 1942...when employes of the Bell Aircraft plant in Buffalo, who he approached for information, got in touch with the FBI (which asked them to pretend to cooperate with him).

IGOR GOUZENKO told the FBI in 1945 that Moscow had a U S agent who was an assistant to the then Sec of State, EDWARD R STETTINIUS. This man, though GOUZENKO did not know his name, was ALGER HISS.

Six years earlier, in 1939, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had told Ass't Sec of State ADOLPH A BERLE that HISS was a Communist. In late 1939 French Premier DALADIER told WILLIAM C BULLITT, then Ambassador to France, that the French Intelligence Service had informed him that both ALGER HISS and his brother DONALD were Soviet agents. BULLITT told this to Dr STANLEY HORNBECK, Chief of the State Dept's Division of Far Eastern Affairs, in early 1940.

In 1945, at about the same time GOUZENKO's information was given to the FBI, ELIZABETH BENTLEY also gave it information that HISS was a Soviet agent. This was reported to the White House.

Four different and reliable sources had given evidence that HISS was in the Soviet service by the end of 1945.

But what happened? When the HISS case was finally brought out into the open in 1948 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, President TRUMAN declared that it was just a "red herring".

These facts, it is claimed by some people, have a bearing on Canada's reluctance to let GOUZENKO be interviewed. The Canadian Govt feels that the U S let it down by failing to act on the information he gave in 1945.

LESTER B PEARSON, Canadian Sec'y for External Affairs who finally decided this week that he would not object to GOUZENKO's being interviewed (after refusing permission last month), is regarded by others as having been Canada's "reluctant dragon" in the affair.

PEARSON was president of the U N General Assembly last year. During World War II he served in Washington as Minister Counselor, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, and Ambassador to the U S.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY testified that PEARSON was an important source of information for the Soviet spy ring for which she was a courier during World War II, the "Toronto Star" reported this week. It said Miss BENTLEY named PEARSON in a secret session of the Internal Security subcommittee in August, 1951. Her contact for getting the information from PEARSON was a wealthy Canadian Communist who was a minor official in the embassy.

She also named E HERBERT NORMAN, as another source of information, the Toronto Star claimed. NORMAN was formerly an employe of the Nat'l Film Board of Canada, which was heavily infiltrated with Communists.

NORMAN was named as a Communist by Prof KARL WITTFOGEL during the investigation of the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR). WITTFOGEL said NORMAN was a member of a Communist study group at Columbia Univ in 1938. IPR correspondence introduced in the hearings indicated that NORMAN was a contributor to IPR publications and that, while attached to the Canadian delegation in Japan in 1940, may have been used by certain IPR officials to get "very secret messages" to an IPR figure known as "Phil".

NORMAN was Chief of the American-Far Eastern Dept of the Ministry of External Affairs when BENTLEY and WITTFOGEL testified.

PEARSON defended NORMAN after Washington press reports stated that Miss BENTLEY had named two senior Canadian officials as spy ring contacts and after WITTFOGEL testified. He directed the Canadian embassy in Washington to express "regret and annoyance" that NORMAN's name had been dragged into the hearings "on the basis of an unimpressive and unsubstantiated allegation by a former Communist."

NORMAN has since been promoted to High Commissioner in New Zealand.

No one has charged PEARSON with being a Communist or a pro-Communist. Sec of State DULLES defended him this week. But those who consider him the "reluctant dragon" believe the above and the following facts are significant.

PEARSON favors a soft approach to Communism. In Feb, 1951, the U N branded Red China as an aggressor in Korea over the opposition of India. Although Canada voted for the resolution, PEARSON made it clear that he had abandoned India's position reluctantly and thought it wiser to deal with the Chinese Communists instead of ostracizing them.

When STALIN died early this year, PEARSON paid tribute to him as one of the founders of the U N and as an "indomitable leader in the common struggle against Nazi aggression". (Remember 1939-41, when STALIN was a partner in Nazi aggression?)

PEARSON is credited with being one of those who prodded Pres EISENHOWER into making his ill-advised and non-factual statements about "book-burning" at the Dartmouth commencement in June. He told the President the probe of the overseas libraries was doing the U S serious damage abroad.

In his formal address at the Dartmouth commencement, PEARSON questioned the honesty of Sen McCARTHY and stated that the U S cannot act independently of its allies in matters of foreign policy. The implication of his remarks was that in order to maintain the unity of the non-Communist world, this country should go along with its allies even when they were promoting dangerous policies of appeasement.

IGOR GOUZENKO was interviewed by a Chicago Tribune reporter last month. He told the reporter he would be glad to meet with Sen McCARTHY or Sen JENNER, that he felt a talk with them would be useful and that, for security reasons, it should take place in Canada.

PEARSON stated in a House of Commons debate on Nov 17 that GOUZENKO had been misquoted. GOUZENKO challenged PEARSON's statement on Nov 21, saying it was "not correct". He also said it appeared that PEARSON was ill-advised and that he had acted so hastily in the case he had not even read the original interview.

In the matter of GOUZENKO's 1945 exposure of Soviet espionage, Canada took much more affirmative action than the U S. GOUZENKO apparently believes, however, that it could have done more. When he recently said he could give the U S advice that would help uncover Soviet spy rings, he also made the following statement:

"That advice I gave already to the Canadian Government, during my first days under protection...but I am sorry to say that it was ignored.

"Serious and energetic adoption of this advice many years ago might have had important results by now. However, it is never too late."

Strongly anti-Communist Canadians were undoubtedly disappointed by the failure of the U S to act on GOUZENKO's testimony in 1945-46, as Vice Pres NIXON implied. But those same people would be glad to see that the U S is finally doing something, and would support a GOUZENKO interview now.

The major reason for Canada's reluctance is much more likely the anti-anti-Communist feeling of top officials such as LESTER B PEARSON, who believes the U S is somewhat hysterical about Communism and taking too intransigent a stand against it both at home and abroad.

THEATER LEADER GIVES STAND ON COMMUNISM. The League of NY Theatres, which represents Broadway theater owners and producers, held its annual meeting and elections early this month.

ARTHUR SCHWARTZ, outgoing president of the organization, stated at the meeting that the stage had been free of so-called "blacklisting" incidents because the league and Actors Equity Assn, had "established an effectual resistance to political pressure groups".

He boasted that "Of all the entertainment media, the stage alone had maintained its freedom from this kind of censorship".

SCHWARTZ said, in effect: We theater owners and producers don't give a hoot if people are Communist Party members. We will pay them a handsome income and give them all the favorable publicity we can...even while they are aiding Moscow and working for the overthrow of the U S. We did it while they took the side of the Communists who killed, wounded or tortured 140,000 officers and GIs in Korea, and we will continue doing it. We are superior to the low-brows who believe Americans shouldn't truck with traitors.

"The Ladies of the Corridor" opened on Broadway last month. It was written by DOROTHY PARKER and ARNAUD D'USSEAU. PARKER'S extensive Communist front activities were documented in "Red Channels", the report on Communist influence in radio and TV published by COUNTERATTACK in 1950.

Both were identified as Communist Party members in the 1951 Hollywood hearings.

Only one drama critic for a major newspaper had the courage to point out significant facts about the play and its authors.

It was JOHN BEAUFORT of "The Christian Science Monitor". He gave facts on PARKER's and D'USSEAU's Communist backgrounds, pointed out that these facts raised questions about the play's perspective, and added:

"The Ladies of the Corridor seemed exaggerated to the point of distortion. The play is not propagandistic in the literal sense of the word. But its view of bourgeois women...conforms generally to Communist theories about a decadent capitalist society."

The theater has many troubles. One of them is the fact that it has made itself the entertainment haven for Communists and fellow travelers. Theater leaders should not complain about lack of public support as long as they brazenly give financial and propaganda support to the Fifth Column.

Yours faithfully,

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DEI SUB NUMINE VIGET

The Latin phrase in the headline above appears on the shield of ivy-clad Princeton University. It is the University's motto, and in English reads: "Under God's power she flourishes." Last week, Princeton University announced, through its president, Dr. Robert F. Goheen, that it had denied all University privileges and facilities to the Roman Catholic chaplain at Princeton, Rev. Dr. Hugh Halton, O.P., M.A., D.Phil. (Oxon.).

President Goheen's statement, spelling out the University's reasons for pushing Father Halton off the campus, was a remarkable document. While it was as notable for what it did not say, it did level these accusations:

"Under claims of advancing the pursuit of truth, he (Rev. Halton) has resorted to irresponsible attacks upon the intellectual integrity of faculty members. The nature and manner of his charges can only be recognized as designed to foment a highly emotional form of controversy and to provoke hostility and disrespect where friendship and respect had long existed. His accusations in the past year have broadened into large, unsubstantiated charges of malfeasance against the administration...and against a number of other respected and stable institutions as well. For tactics of this sort, no university devoted to rational inquiry and debate need make a home."

The University, through the words of its president, went on to charge that Father Halton had lost the support of many Catholic students and faculty members who "looked to him for guidance." This charge, while irrelevant to the issues, was as unsubstantiated as other counts in the indictment against Rev. Halton. The ouster was then defended in these words:

"The grounds of the University's actions are sound and require no defense. At the same time, the University has sought by every reasonable means to avoid precipitating a public controversy over this matter because of the exaggerations and misunderstanding which would inevitably attend it.

"This is not an issue of academic freedom. (Emphasis added, Ed.) The University has not set itself against the Catholic Church. The one point of issue is whether Father Halton is entitled to retain the privileges which the University had of its own will extended to him.

"I would reaffirm the essential importance of intelligent debate in our free society. It is hard, however, to see how heated controversy on the views and status of this priest could serve any good purpose. It is my earnest hope that members of the Princeton faculty will exercise a high degree of restraint and patience in the weeks ahead and avoid provoking controversy on issues

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which are not involved."

With that last paragraph, Dr. Goheen has achieved an immortality of sorts in the ranks of academic masters of "doublespeak." With a pious nod to the "importance of intelligent debate", Dr. Goheen clamps down a scarcely-disguised gag rule on the Princeton faculty topping his dexterous performance with the gratuitously insulting reference to "this priest." Even before this mandate from Olympus, it would have taken courage of the highest order for any Princeton faculty member to speak up in any way for Father Halton.

Let's take a brief look at what "this priest" has actually done. While Counterattack does not feel that the entire controversy is its concern, a brief account of the background is necessary for any understanding of the situation. Incidentally, it is the origin of the dispute that has been almost totally ignored in newspaper coverage and by the administration of Princeton.

Father Halton made his own position and viewpoint clear in a paid full-page advertisement in The Daily Princetonian, May 20, 1955. The statement was made in the face of what he thought were faculty misrepresentations:

"As Chaplain to the Catholic students and Director of the Aquinas Foundation, I have no official position in the University nor do I receive a salary. The Aquinas Foundation does not benefit from annual giving, campus fund drives or any University source...When I came to the University in the fall of 1952, I made a simple act of faith and undertook the responsibility with no source of income whatever of financing this beautiful property. All I had was an idea. I lectured and begged for this idea, and I am pleased to say that more than half the support I received came from non-Catholic friends who shared my concern for the decline in spiritual and moral values in University thought and life. I dedicated the Aquinas Foundation to one purpose: to inform by Judaeo-Christian principles the rich cultural endowment of Princeton; to serve as an open forum in the heart of a great center of learning where the nature of the Christian tradition and its implications might be freely and critically examined."

The nature of Rev. Halton's "irresponsibile charges" may be gleaned from what he put forth in the same paid advertisement-statement:

"There is not now on the Princeton University faculty a single professionally competent, formally trained philospher or theologian in the Catholic tradition. Yet Catholicism is the religious discipline of more than 458, 568,000 Christians. Catholics represent the third largest denominational group in Princeton University's undergraduate body, but the Department of Religion cannot boast of one authoritative spokesman for Catholic belief and practice. As a result, Catholicism is pretty much what anyone chooses to say it is, and there is no way of resolving the confusion."

Essentially, Father Halton claimed the question was an academic one and not a religious problem. On other occasions, Father Halton declared that he did not feel that it was necessary that a Catholic be represented on the faculty. But, he said, since about 45% of the subject matter of the Religion Department was concerned with matters of Catholic history and doctrine, he maintained that was a matter of academic standards that there be people professionally ified to teach this subject matter in the department.

Dr. Halton's critics on the faculty apparently choos[illegible]o see the matter otherwise because their criticisms of Father Halton frequently put the matter in the realm of religious controversy. The administration of Princeton has apparently taken its cue from these themes and adopted the same viewpoint.

This, briefly, then is part of the background to the situation. It is an area in which Counterattack takes no sides other than to present the origins of the controversy. The entire matter remained a campus conflict, however heated, up until the Spring of 1956. At that time, Alger Hiss was invited to address Princeton's renowned undergraduate body, the Whig-Cliosphic Society. Father Halton protested, and set up a separate meeting the evening before Hiss' appearance at which he said:

"The Hiss affair is simply a dramatic expression of a spiritual crisis within the University...I can understand why Alger Hiss needs Princeton; but I cannot for the life of me see why Princeton needs Alger Hiss...In their report, the trustees have found no subversion in this place and they are complacent. I believe there is a kind of spiritual and moral subversion which in the long run will do a greater disservice to Princeton and America than some of the threats the administration and trustees now consider more immediate. Freedom, divorced from authority and discipline, is a frightening thing."

That tore it. Father Halton had finally committed the unforgivable sin — he had spoken out publicly and to a nation-wide audience. In anything involving Communism at all, there is no higher crime, particularly if the protest is an anti-Communist one. Father Halton's days as chaplain at Princeton were numbered then and there, and we imagine he knew it. Does that imply that the administration and trustees of Princeton are pro-Communist? Not at all. But it does mean that these same responsible people know absolutely nothing about the nature of Communism and the threat it poses. It also means that they have abdicated their responsibilities and have run away from their duties while still mouthing their allegiance to vague "liberal" concepts of "academic freedom" and "civil liberties."

If these are strong words, the facts are even tougher. It is a matter of record, that months before the invitation to Alger Hiss, another undergraduate group wanted to invite Father Halton as a speaker. When permission was asked of University officials, permission was not denied, but it was withheld for months, until the student group got tired of the delay and gave up the whole idea. Unofficially, the reason given was that Father Halton was "controversial" and that anything he might have to say would add to a "religious" argument. There were no such qualms expressed when the speaker was Alger Hiss. Indeed, Princeton was proud of itself then, and in the words of its then president, Dr. Harold W. Dodds, maintained that:

"Education includes the freedom to make mistakes and to learn to accept responsibility for them...It is often not enough to tell a child that fire is hot. To learn the personal significance of fire, the child must sometimes burn himself."

This is apparently an acceptable doctrine at Princeton, where, presumably, they have so many students that the loss of one or two consumed by fire will go practically unnoticed.

There the [illegible]er might rest. Princeton makes the ground rules for its own campus an[illegible]ɔd or bad, those rules will stick. Father Halton is no longer the Catholic student chaplain at Princeton and most likely never will be again. But the matter will not rest, if only because such non-conformists like the editors of Counterattack won't allow that to happen. This is a question which has now gone beyond the closed precincts of Old Nassau due to Father Halton's "academic sin" of speaking out. We leave to others the fine points of violations of "academic freedom." Our concern is the fact that Father Halton, as an individual, has apparently been purged because he dared question the appearance of the convicted perjurer, Alger Hiss, at Princeton. In this, Princeton cannot hide behind its well-tended banks of ivy; its actions will be judged by the court it is sometimes so fond of appealing to: the public opinion of the people of the United States.

When that court renders an opinion, if ever, there are a few additional facts it should weigh in the balance as well. Luckily, the editors of Counterattack are not only in the position of being able to supply those facts but consider it part of their editorial responsibility to do so.

The facts are few but important. Last week, at almost the same moment the nation learned what happened to Father Halton, a meeting was being held at Carnegie Hall, in New York City. This was a brave gathering, 2,000 strong, of the members, friends and supporters of a group known as the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. There were non-supporters present too; outside marched Hungarian pickets with signs starkly lettered with the grim charges of "Murderers," and "Traitors." Someone was even rude enough to throw a "stench-bomb", as one speaker delicately put it.

As Counterattack has previously reported, this was the kickoff of the ECLC campaign to abolish all Congressional committees investigating Communism. One speaker was Dalton Trumbo, still coyly squirming in the spotlight and milking all the publicity he could out of the possibility that he had won an Academy Award under the phoney name of Robert Rich. Another speaker, the major one, was Prof. Hugh H. Wilson, of Princeton University, a founder of the ECLC. It was his speech that was punctuated by the odorous missile. The incident did nothing to dampen the professor's high spirits; he was quite elated over the current state of civil liberties.

But there were still a few sore spots. Prof. Wilson does not believe that the recent Supreme Court decisions were enough: "Finally I remind you that these Court decisions will not alter...the institutionalized control over the thoughts of men...Does anyone really believe that the FBI will cleanse its files?"

Political action is the answer. These "abuses" will be curbed, claimed the happy professor, when the concentration of power is placed in the hands of responsible persons. Presumably, this means Prof. Wilson and his fellow members of the ECLC. A first step toward this goal will be the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the burning of its files. This drew loud cheers.

But that's only the beginning. In addition, said the professor from Princeton, "to destroying these collections of witch's brews of poisons, (we intend that) le[illegible] action (be brought) against...the American Business Consultants, the p[illegible]ers of Counterattack (who) make use of this material to blackmail for [illegible]."

This isn't the first time Prof. Wilson has sounded off in this fashion, although he has recently stepped further into the spotlight. A sampling of the pro-Communist and general press reveals the following activities:

In Dec. 1952, he was listed as one of "280 prominent Americans" who asked Pres. Truman to grant clemency to jailed Communist Party leaders.

During November, 1952, he was named as one of 20 signers of a telegram sent by the Party front, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to the Attorney General protesting the jailing of certain aliens.

Prof. Wilson, in January 1953, was listed with several dozen leading pro-Communist figures sponsoring a clemency appeal for the atomic spies, the Rosenberg

Speaking before the pro-Communist Women for Legislative Action in Los Angeles during October 1953, Prof. Wilson was quoted as saying the "Communist menace" in schools and colleges was a "monstrous hoax."

In March 1954, he was listed as one of a panel of speakers on the "danger of McCarthyism" at a New Jersey rally of the pro-Communist Progressive Party.

In June 1954, Prof. Wilson was named as one of "197 notables" assailing the Justice Department for attempting to have the Party college, the Jefferson School of Social Science, register as a Communist front.

October 1954, saw him listed as one of seven sponsors of a letter signed by still another set of "175 notables" urging clemency for imprisoned Party officials convicted under the Smith Act.

In May 1955, he was listed as speaker at a rally of the New Jersey branch of the Emergency Civil Liberties Union called to protest hearings held in New Jersey by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

From 1952 to date he has been listed in other activities of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. This group has been notable from its beginning for the pro-Communist tenor of its activities. It was described by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee this way:

> "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the***Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection."

During the recent years that Prof. H.H. Wilson has been espousing pro-Communist causes, his identification with Princeton University has invariably been mentioned. This has been done, in the delicious phrase of so many of these groups, "for purposes of identification only." Actually, the listing of Wilson's name and title also linked the name of Princeton University with every one of these activities, allowing these groups to gain some amount of prestige or deceptive coloration from the usage. Whether or not this has ever concerned the trustees or administration of Princeton University is something the editors of Counterattack do not know.

No doubt the administration, or anyone else at Princeton so inclined, could make a spirited defense of Prof. Wilson's activities on the grounds of "freedom of the press and speech" and the all-encompassing "academic freedom. Much the same line can be taken — and was — to explain the appearance of Alger Hiss on the campus.

But something happened when it came to Father Halton's right to protest the appearance of Alger Hiss and to question the competency of a certain pa of the school's faculty . The contrast is painfully, if dramatically, evident in the record of what happened to the Rev. Halton and what Prof. Wilson was doing in the last week of September. Why? What is the answer?

The answer, if one is ever forthcoming, will have to come from Dr. Goheen and the trustees of Princeton University in spite of their devout wish that the whole affair will be quickly forgotten. As we pointed out, what is involved here has removed the affair from the sphere of a mere academic or internal campus dispute. It is clearly in the public interest that, even at this late date, Princeton University has the obligation of explaining what the real motives are behind the banning of Father Halton from its campus.

While the administration probably will not agree, the editors of Counterattack believe that such candor will also be in the best interests of Princeton as well. For the American public can hardly retain confidence in an institution which is apparently saying that it is more hospitable to pro-Communist apologists than to those who are opposed to Communist slavery. The editors of Counterattack suggest that its readers, who are so inclined, write to Dr. Robert F. Goheen, President, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, to let him know their views on this matter.

MOSCOW QUIZ GAME

There's an old joke about the missionary who was found impaled by a spear and when asked by his rescuers if the pain wasn't terrible replied: "Only when I laugh." Such chuckles have been rather frequent lately in this office.

The latest side-splitter came last week when Counterattack's editors got news of the latest brainchild of the bright boys in the Kremlin. It seems Radio Moscow is running a quiz show through its short wave broadcasts beamed at the United States. Questions are asked, slowly so they can be taken down, which the listener will answer and post back to Moscow. Winners will receive radios which will bring in Moscow even louder and clearer.

Questions are neat little "brainwashing" capsules: "In what year was unemployment abolished in the Soviet Union?" Another asks for the name of the American who is buried in the Kremlin wall.

Harmless, isn't it? Who would bother with anything so obvious? Well, we know of one librarian in Massachusetts who first learned of the gimmick when high school children began coming in for help in finding the answers to the Red quiz. At least ten children of high school age in this one community were busy with digging out the answers. And if they send their answers off to Radio Moscow, they are certainly going to be prime prospects for future propaganda material of the same sort they first started digging out themselves.

Funny, isn't it? You can get hilarious when you think a little further and contemplate how much time and money we are putting into stopping the advance of Communism and winning friends and influencing people around the world. We just wonder if anybody ever listens, as ten kids in New England did.

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ALGER HISS: HELLBENT FOR MARTYRDOM

Bird watcher, former State Department official, ex-convict and author, Mr. Alger Hiss is clearly a man of varied accomplishments. But he has yet to achieve the pinnacle of his career which he continues to drive towards with grim determination; to go down in history and become one with Captain Dreyfus and Sacco and Vanzetti. One of the major barriers in the way of this accomplishment is, unfortunately, Mr. Hiss himself.

Last summer, the appearance of Mr. Hiss' book In the Court of Public Opinion, held out some hope of spurring the drive to martyrdom. The promise was short-lived; the book was so bad that the most ardent admirers of Alger Hiss could do little with it. There was even talk that the publisher, Alfred Knopf, was wondering how he had ever been sold on producing such a flop.

In spite of setbacks like these, the campaign to make an authentic martyr out of Alger Hiss goes doggedly on. Mr. Hiss can acquire a job paying $12,000 annually and it only accentuates how deplorable his lot has become.

Now, another stage in the campaign has been reached. The Nation magazine has just unveiled an issue devoted entirely to the "Hiss case." After losing in a court of law, and flopping in the court of public opinion, the handkerchiefs are broken out and Mr. Hiss is laid on "the American conscience."

In an editorial preceding the full-issue article, The Nation tries hard to link Alger Hiss with the notable political martyrs of the past. They can't quite make it and even blow their own purple prose to bits with unconscious irony when the editors say:

"Some cases simply will not die, even though the verdict seems to comport with prevailing standards of justice...Witness the case of Captain Dreyfus and of Sacco and Vanzetti. In our time it is the case of Alger Hiss that continues to nettle the American conscience. In some ways, it is strange that this should be so. (Emphasis added, Ed.) Hiss was not a member of a persecuted minority, like Dreyfus; nor was he an immigrant, a fish peddler or a cobbler. Ample resources were available for his defense. He was tried not once, but twice; both times he was represented by distinguished counsel. His conviction was appealed to the highest courts; every available legal remedy was fully tested. In the end, he served his full sentence in a Federal prison. Yet doubts about the case survive."

After such an eloquent summary as that, the only remarkable thing is that those doubts survive in the editorial offices of The Nation. But "doubts" there are, says The Nation, and they quickly turn the use of the next 38 pages

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over to Fred J. Cook, the "doubter" picked for the excursion. Mr. Cook obliges with Hiss: New Perspectives on the Strangest Case of Our Time.

Mr. Cook has apparently done quite a bit of reading in preparation for his exercise--unaccountably he missed some very revealing parts of the record. Aside from this effort, he brings nothing new to light and in his own purple patches gives a few hints of why he may have been tapped for the job of doing The Nation's "great expose." It seems that Mr. Cook is apparently an ardent admirer of President Roosevelt and America's "great experiment", the New Deal. As Alger Hiss has so conveniently pointed out, his major crime was being a New Dealer. Mr. Cook apparently took the bait.

Whether deliberately or unknowingly, aside from a few columns at the end of his 38-page screed, Cook is obviously on the side of Alger Hiss. Basically he has taken the entire Hiss defense and only rewritten it with little or no effort to even speculate on the possibility that Chambers told the truth.

Mr. Cook, in his own contrived balance sheet, sets up the minimum standards required for a belief in the guilt of Alger Hiss:

"To believe Hiss guilty, one must believe that he was a Communist--even though Chamber's testimony on the collection of Communist dues circled in a maze of voluntary contradictions.

"To believe Hiss guilty, one must believe there was a close and continuous association with Chambers until mid-April 1938--even though Chambers backed away from a key angle of his own testimony, even though he is further discredited by independent witnesses.

"To believe Hiss guilty, one must believe that Whittaker Chambers erred at least eight times in saying he broke with Communism in 1937--and that his final testimony, arrived at after the documents were produced, arrived at after many adjustments, was the true testimony."

Cook goes on in that vein for several more points, one a gratuitous piece of emotion that one must believe Chambers was "a virtual saint" who would risk perjury to protect a friend. The weight of Mr. Cook's argument bears down hard on the theory that this is purely a case of one man's word against another. You must believe either Hiss or Chambers, there are no other points of evidence.

Let's take just one of these points and see how the theory stacks up; we'll take Cook's first point: To believe Hiss guilty one must believe he was a Communist and supposedly Chambers contradicts himself on dues payments. There is a strong implication here that Hiss was a Communist only according to Chambers. But there is another witness: a witness who is not even named in Mr. Cook's "penetrating" analysis, Nathaniel Weyl. On Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1952, Nathaniel Weyl testified, under oath, before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee. He recounted that he had been a member of the Communist Party in New York City and in Washington, D.C. At one point he was asked:

"Mr. Morris. Mr. Weyl, would you tell us who were the members of the Harold Ware unit of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Weyl. Yes, Mr. Morris. I hope I will not omit any names because sometimes you remember the names very well but you can't remember them to recite in a series after 19 years or so. Alger Hiss, of course, Lee Pressman, Charles Kramer, Henry Collins, John Abt....

"Mr. Morris. Mr. Weyl, when you say that Alger Hiss was a member of that unit, how do you know that Alger Hiss was a member of the Harold Ware cell of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Weyl. Well, I only know that, Mr. Morris, because I saw him there on, let us say, more than two occasions, because nobody was in that unit who was not a Party member, and I saw him pay dues."

Even Alger Hiss had to take note of Mr. Weyl's testimony in his book. He does so in his own inimitable manner, not so much by an outright denial but by utilizing other testimony. In this case, he cited Lee Pressman's testimony that Pressman had belonged to the Party unit in question but that Hiss had not. But Mr. Cook doesn't think Weyl's testimony significant enough to even mention it. He winds up his apologia with these words:

"This remains the vital question for America, for if Alger Hiss is innocent, his conviction--a verdict that triggered the Republican battle cry of 'Twenty Years of Treason' and that slimy twin, 'The Truman-Acheson-A.D.A. Conspiracy'--stands exposed as the most callous outrage ever perpetrated for base political advantage in America.

"This is the inevitable, ultimate meaning of the issue of Alger Hiss's guilt or innocence. And while that issue remains, conscience cannot rest."

Equally inevitable is the fact that people like Mr. Cook and the editors of The Nation will also continue to make a buck out of the Hiss case just as long as they can.

THE CLOAK OF SILENCE

The commercial liberals of the country, and assorted professional civil-libertarians, are walking around these days with a light step and head held high. Now that the Supreme Court has outlawed most efforts to thwart the Communist conspiracy, honest "liberals" and "non-conformists" can once more sleep soundly 'o nights.

There is one small fly in the ointment - income is falling off. Things just aren't as good as they were from 1946 to 1955 when the bookstores were bulging with books by terrified "liberals" who were afraid to speak out. Magazines by the carload carried the chilling story of how America had lost just about every liberty there was as well as a few it never had. For awhile, there was even the beginning of a glutted market and the overflow had to spill into the science fiction field.

But the more perceptive of the dollar-sign liberals see the beginnings of technological unemployment looming along the byways of publishing. After all, how can you write about the "menace to civil liberties" when there aren't enough villains to go around anymore? Before things get desperate, a few of the "professionals" have started taking stock and looking around to see if something can't be done to arrest this threat.

Now, the editors of Counterattack have a suggestion which might just save the day for the world of commercial liberalism. To explain it fully, we must supply a few details about one author and his books.

Edward Hunter is a writer and foreign correspondent who has covered most of the world in twenty-five years of reporting. Among other things, he was on the spot when the puppet state of Manchukuo was created; he covered the Fascist invasion of Ethiopia and saw for himself what went on in Spain during the Civil War. During World War II, he worked for the Office of Strategic Services as a specialist in propaganda in Asia. He is the man who introduced the word "brainwashing" into the English language when he wrote the first authentic, documented account of this hellish technique in his book Brainwashing in Red China. Mr. Hunter followed this up with the first account of how the technique can be defeated in Brainwashing: The Story of Men Who Defied It. His latest book is The Story of Mary Liu, which reveals the Red program to stamp out Christianity in Red China.

The key to our proposal is tied up with the books of Mr. Hunter and a few other authors like him. For example, there is his latest book, The Story of Mary Liu. Like his other books, it was just barely published. This is not meant to reflect in any way on Mr. Hunter's publisher; we think it took considerable courage on their part to publish even one of these books much less two. But once published, any book needs a certain amount of help, from reviewers, other authors, various kinds of helpful publicity which the publisher cannot buy or demand. This is the key area where books are made a success or sent packing into oblivion. Edward Hunter's books have been consistently wrapped in stifling folds of cotton and quietly laid away behind the Cloak of Silence.

Now this is a great mistake. In Edward Hunter, and his work, the dollar-conscious world of civil-libertarians have a fresh new villain and a whole gallery of shining targets. They are being shamefully wasted.

Now, we admit that the "cloak of silence" is a marvellously effective technique -- these books disappeared almost without leaving a trace. But this is not the time for silence; incomes are slipping, and people may forget there ever was a time of the "anti-Communist terror" if something is not done quickly. The opportunity must not be lost -- "villains" like Edward Hunter simply don't come along every day in the week. Why, a whole platoon of "old China hands" could be kept busy for weeks writing articles and books refuting Mr. Hunter's ideas about the Red Chinese alone. It simply can't miss; Alfred Kohlberg, who keeps the store for the "China lobby", thinks enough of Mr. Hunter's latest book to recommend it to his friends. Hunter himself is terribly vulnerable; he is an extremely old-fashioned type - a reporter who believes in going where the story is and talking to the people involved about what they did and said.

We don't pretend that this will be easy; it may come as quite a shock to see Mr. Hunter's work covered in book review pages of The New York Times but the present situation demands stern measures. In view of the profits to be made all around, we don't see how the chance can be ignored. And it isn't as if it will improve the sale of Mr. Hunter's books at all. The reviews and critical articles can be done exactly as they were some years ago before the "silent" treatment came into widespread use. Nobody will read Mr. Hunter anyway, but reviews of his books by right-thinking "commercial liberals" should do wonders for anything written by Owen Lattimore, Theodore White and Harrison Forman.